



## A Year of Significant Milestones

### DRPS Named Top Employer



For the first time in late 2006, Durham Regional Police Service was selected as one of Canada's Top 100 Employers by Maclean's Magazine / Mediacorp. DRPS was chosen from thousands of applicants after a selection committee carefully evaluated human resource trends and best practices.



In addition to this honour, the DRPS was also named one of the Top 50 Employers in the Greater Toronto Area for its human resource programs and services.

### Retired Chief Edwards Passes Away

Former DRPS Chief of Police David John Edwards passed away in December at the age of 64 and hundreds of officers and friends attended the funeral in Oshawa.

He was born and raised in Oshawa and joined the Oshawa Police as a cadet in April 1961. He took his oath of office as a police constable in April of 1963. When the Durham Regional Police was formed in 1974, he attained the rank of Inspector and was again promoted to Superintendent in the fall of 1974.

He was made Deputy Chief of the DRPS in August of 1982 and became Chief of Police in December 1988. He served as Chief from that time until his retirement in 1993.

He was remembered fondly as an excellent leader who improved the police service during his tenure.



### Focusing on Victims

In 2006 the DRPS continued its efforts to streamline the way services are provided to victims of crime. The Service supported Project D.R.I.V.E.N. (Durham Region Intimate-Partner Violence Network) that brings together community agencies in order to explore ways of improving services.

In 2006, our Victim Services Unit handled 2,890 incidents. A new three-year Bail Safety Program was launched, focusing on domestic assaults in which the accused was held for a bail hearing. Lead by our full-time Domestic Violence Co-ordinator, community outreach continued in 2006 and special training sessions were held with key agencies.

Our Offender Management Unit monitored 723 offenders who had been released by the correctional system and were living back out in the community to ensure that they did not re-offend.

### Putting the Heat on Bullies

Durham Regional Police's rock group, The Heat, officially unveiled a new CD in December in our ongoing fight against schoolyard bullying.

Aimed at public school children, the CD is filled with songs that reinforce the message that bullying is unacceptable. Copies will be distributed free of charge to thousands of elementary school children across Durham Region.

### International Award for D/Cst. Caplan

D/Cst. Jeff Caplan of the Major Fraud Unit was honoured with the Law Enforcement Investigator of the Year Award from the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators.

He was recognized for his hard work, investigative skills and dedication to reducing and preventing financial crimes such as debit and credit card skimming operations.



## Happy Birthday Crime Stoppers

Durham Regional Crime Stoppers celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2006, having built an enviable record of solving crimes.

Since its inception, the local community board's efforts have resulted in over 16,000 tips, resulting in 6,468 charges and 2,556 arrests. Almost \$55 million worth of drugs and stolen property has been seized.

## Passing of Well Known Retired Officer

The DRPS family was deeply saddened by the death of retired Staff Sergeant Roy Good in February 2006 after a brief illness. Roy was one of the original officers hired by the DRPS after it formed in January of 1974 and he spent over 28 years on the job.



He worked as the Community Liaison Officer, sitting on various boards and fund-raising projects in the community. After his retirement, he continued to serve the community, including the Cancer Centre Campaign for Durham Region.

## Deputy Chief of Police Retires

After 33 years in policing, including several years as Chief of Police in Oxford, Deputy Chief Rod Piukkala retired from policing in 2006.

Deputy Chief Piukkala was instrumental in this police service purchasing a new helicopter and preparing the police service for its nuclear security contract with Ontario Power Generation. He also established the High Risk Offender Review Panel to utilize the expertise of community experts to help manage offenders.



In May 2006 he was awarded the prestigious Order of Merit of the Police Forces by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Governor General Michaëlle Jean for his outstanding policing career.

## Walk to Stop Violence

Hundreds of citizens joined DRPS members for the first ever Walk to Stop the Violence, organized by the Society Against Violence Everywhere (S.A.V.E.) on June 4th. The 5-kilometer walk started at Oshawa Civic Auditorium and wound its way through the downtown area.



## New Superintendent



Sherry Whiteway, a 26-year veteran of the DRPS, was promoted to the rank of Superintendent in 2006.

Over her career, she has worked in uniform patrol in Pickering, Ajax, Uxbridge and Whitby and was Officer In Charge of the Ajax/Pickering Community Police Office and the Communications/9-1-1. As Superintendent of Regional Operations, she took over the operation of Air1, K-9, Tactical Support, Traffic Services, Marine, Nuclear Security and Communications/9-1-1.

## Veteran Officer Named Aide-de-Camp

DRPS Inspector Charlie Green was appointed an Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the first such appointment in our history. He will assist the Lieutenant Governor at a variety of functions and community events as part of a larger team of 40 volunteers.



## Winning Bid for Olympic Games

The DRPS bid to host the 2008 Spring Games of Special Olympics Ontario was approved in the spring. The Games will be held in various locations across Durham Region from May 29 - 31, 2008 and Deputy Chief Chuck Mercier is leading the community organizing committee.

Approximately 900 athletes, 180 coaches and over 600 volunteers from across Ontario will be in Durham Region for this tremendous event, which celebrates the talents and skills of those with physical and mental disabilities.