



A Year of Significant Milestones - Continued



Chief for a Day

Ten-year-old Courtney Chiasson of Pickering won the 2006 Police Chief for A Day contest, part of the annual Police Appreciation Dinner and Awards Night.

Her speech on "what it must be like to be a police officer" was judged by a community panel to be the best. As Chief for A Day

on October 17, 2006, she spent the day touring police facilities and learning more about policing from frontline officers.

The Grade 5 St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School student was a special guest at the Oct. 19th, 2006 Police Appreciation Night gala dinner, where she recited her speech in full uniform to a packed house of over 600 people.

Sad Farewell to K-9 Partners

Two members of the DRPS K-9 family passed away in 2006, having left indelible marks on community safety.

Chase, the longtime partner of PC Dave Mounstevan, passed away in October due to illness.

Chase's record was incredible, having assisted in hundreds of arrests, searches and seizures. PC Mounstevan credited his partner with saving his life in 2003 during a life and death struggle with two armed suspects.



Retired police dog Iron passed away in August after a terminal illness. He was one of the most decorated dogs in DRPS history, with over 150 arrests in his five years of service before his career was cut short due to a back injury. He

joined partner Sgt. Dave Saliba in 1998 and was known for his intensity and aggressive style. He free-tracked a shooting suspect after a basketball game and also helped find a missing 9-year-old boy in North Durham, following the scent a mile away.

Supporting Our Troops

Durham Regional Police cruisers began featuring decals supporting our Canadian Forces personnel stationed around the world in November 2006.

The "Support Our Troops" yellow ribbon decals were unveiled at a brief ceremony at the Col R.S. McLaughlin Armoury in Oshawa with Ontario Regiment Commanding Officer LCol. Dave Parry. Durham Regional Police was among the first in Canada to show such a public display of support for our brave men and women overseas.



The idea came to Inspector Charlie Green and Superintendent Bob Chapman after DRPS officers spontaneously attended Highway 401 overpasses and ramps in Durham Region to pay tribute to fallen soldiers who were being transported from CFB Trenton to CFS Toronto. Inspired by that gesture and supported by the Chief, the Senior Officers' Association and the Durham Regional Police Association, Inspector Green and Superintendent Chapman came up with the plan to purchase "Support Our Troops" decals to be placed on every marked police cruiser and motorcycle.

There are 3,021 Canadian Forces personnel stationed around the world, including Afghanistan, the Iranian Gulf, Iraq, Bosnia, Sudan, Congo, Cyprus, Sierra Leone and Haiti.

Durham Regional Police Service has a long and proud history of supporting peacekeeping missions around the world. We have had 13 officers involved in various missions since 1997. The DRPS had two police officers stationed overseas in 2006 - one in Haiti and the other in Jordan, on peacekeeping missions.



Setting the Strategic Direction

In 2006, Durham Regional Police continued work on a number of major projects that will shape the future of policing in Durham Region for years to come.

Building on the strength of the 2005-2007 Business Plan with its 22 objectives and 49 action plans, the DRPS embarked on the creation of its first ever Strategic Plan, under the guidance of Superintendent Greg Mills and the Strategic Planning Unit. This plan will tie in the Business Plan with operational plans and build on the new, proactive philosophy of the police service.

An integral part of the new approach is determining exactly where frontline police resources should be positioned. With the assistance of U.S.-based consultant Peter Bellmio, the Service launched the Patrol Staffing Analysis Project (PSAP) to ensure its resources are properly aligned to workload. This active committee met several times in 2006 and is focusing on response time, deployment and workload issues.

The DRPS continued to fine tune its internal measuring processes in 2006 to better gauge performance and worked toward enhancing its assessment tools for managers. This work will continue and shows the important focus the Service has on maximizing its resources through sound management decisions based on empirical evidence.



Staffing deployment expert Peter Bellmio worked with a cross-functional DRPS team in 2006 as part of review of frontline patrol

2005 - 2007 Business Plan

Objective	Goal	Current Status
To provide information and communication technology solutions designed to increase efficiency and effectiveness of policing.	Implementation of a new Service-wide computer-aided dispatch and record management system (CAD/RMS) with linkages to other police services in Ontario and Canada.	New CAD/RMS system implemented.
Undertake a review of front line policing practices to improve operational efficiency and increase focus on proactive community-based policing.	Review current frontline policing practices and evaluate for efficiency / effectiveness.	Patrol Staffing Analysis Project team formed. Pilot for Regional CARU implemented Q3 2006. CAD and workload analysis ongoing.
Reduce crime, particularly youth crime and maintain public safety and order by providing high standards of service in the community.	Renew strategy to reduce youth crime/disorder	Youth Committee formed. Recommendations made for renewal of internal and external programs.
Reduce unlawful activity of identified gangs	Develop and implement sustainable enforcement initiatives to target gangs and weapons.	Internal Task Force Proposal prepared by G.E.U. members. Designed to monitor identified gang members, and ensure compliance with Judicial interim releases.
Develop a revitalized approach to recruiting that is reflective of ethnic, cultural and gender diversity in the community.	Develop a recruiting strategy that is reflective of ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity in the community.	Strategy developed and implemented