



## Message from the Chair of the Police Services Board

The Durham Regional Police Services Board continued to influence and lead the police service in 2006 by focusing our attention to "value for service."

Instead of just reviewing "volume of work" indicators, we challenged the police service leadership by setting realistic goals and identifying long-term objectives. We continue to find that the Durham Regional Police Service is ranked among the top services in Ontario in many crime fighting and crime prevention categories. We will continue to ensure the right resources are in place to keep up this enviable record.

Many significant events took place in 2006, not the least of which was the departure of long-standing Board Chair Doug Moffatt. Doug led the Board with compassion and dedication for many years. Other significant events included the advancement of our first female Superintendent, Sherry Whiteway, the retirement of our Deputy Chief Rod Piukkala and the appointment of a new Deputy Chief, who would soon be promoted to the Chief's position - Mike Ewles.

Vern White led our police service with distinction in 2006 and we were sorry to see him depart for personal reasons. However, the strength and depth of our membership was clearly evident as the Board had numerous outstanding internal candidates to choose from.

We are very proud that the DRPS was named one of Canada's Top 100 Employers in the fall of 2006 and we will continue to keep our police service among the very best in Canada for years to come.



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*As required under the Police Services Act, The Durham Regional Police Services Board is the civilian body which governs the Durham Regional Police Service. The Board consists of: Head of Council (or his or her designate), two Members of Council (appointed by resolution), one person appointed by Council (neither a Member of the Council or an employee of the municipality), and three persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.*



## Message from the | Chief of Police

2006 was another very busy year for the Durham Regional Police Service, as we continued to respond to the needs of citizens while looking internally to find efficiencies.

Vern White served as our Chief throughout 2006 before departing for the Ottawa Police Service and he championed many community initiatives, not the least of which was the area of alternative justice measures for troubled young people. His time with the DRPS was significant and we continue to follow through on many initiatives he began.

Based on the proven track record in many native communities, Restorative Justice is a more immediate way for victims of crime and those accused of committing the crime to access justice. We explored such alternative justice measures throughout 2006 and launched the first large-scale project of its kind in Ontario in late 2006. We continue to use these non-court tools to reach young people and get them back on the right life path.

When we look back at 2006, perhaps the most significant achievement was the continued development of our first DRPS Strategic Plan, which will help us to better achieve the objectives of the Business Plan. Part of this work led to the fine tuning of our Vision, Mission and Value Statements and the introduction of a new philosophy: we must become a more proactive police service addressing the root cause of crime instead of reacting to ever-increasing demands.

On a sad note, 2006 also marked the passing of our former Chief, David Edwards, who led this service with distinction from 1988 to 1993. He will be sorely missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him and working with him.



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