



Police Services Board Governing Policies

The Durham Regional Police Services Board's approach to governance is unique. The Board sets specific targets and guidelines for the Chief of Police and requires the Chief to report annually if the Service is compliant with these policies or not. All policies and Chief reports are available for the public to review on our web site www.drps.ca under "Police Services Board." Here are the main results from 2006:



Global Ends

The citizens and visitors of Durham Region have a safe community in which to live and work at a competitive cost, relative to eight other comparable communities.

RESULT: Compliant

PROOF: At a cost of \$215 per citizen, Durham Region had the fourth lowest cost-per capita of its comparator municipalities (2006 data).*

* Cost per capita based on data directly from Police Services 2007 excluding revenues

Crime Prevention Ends

The crime rate in Durham Region is amongst the lowest compared to eight comparable communities.

RESULT: Compliant

PROOF: The total Criminal Code Crime Rate of 4,890 per 100,000 is the fourth lowest of similar-sized communities in Ontario.*

* Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting Survey 2006

Law Enforcement Ends

The clearance rates in Durham Region are in the top third among the eight comparable communities. Crime prevention and law enforcement shall be given equal priority over all other ends.

RESULT: Compliant

PROOF: DRPS ranks third best out of eight comparable municipal police services with a Total Criminal Code Clearance Rate of 35%.*

* Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting Survey 2006



Assistance to Victims of Crime

Citizens or visitors who are victims of crime in Durham Region are referred to appropriate support services.

RESULT: Compliant

PROOF: In 2006, the Victim Services Unit assisted members in our community in 2,890 incidents. Of this total, 1,561 cases were referred to community partners for further intervention.

The Victim Crisis Assistance and referral Service (VCARS) staff assisted in 767 incidents in 2006. Also, the Victim Witness Assistance Program provided support to victims of crime associated with 2,412 Crown Briefs.

Emergency Response

No call for service will go unanswered. Furthermore, armed police response to all calls for service where one or more persons in Durham Region poses a physical threat to another person(s) or themselves, within 8 minutes of receipt of that call, 90 per cent of the time. Such situations shall be concluded with no loss of life.

RESULT: Non-Compliant

PROOF: Based on a detailed analysis of emergency call records, the DRPS was not compliant in 2006. A cross-functional staff team was formed in 2006 to address this issue.

Public Order

Citizens and visitors to Durham Region live and work in a community that has public order without limiting their constitutional rights.

RESULT: Compliant

PROOF: The total number of "disorder" type calls remains very low at 5,177 per 100,000 population. Uniform patrol vehicles and officers are positioned strategically across Durham Region. We are proactive in being highly visible at major public gatherings and there are relatively few labour disputes each year.