



## Operational Priorities

Organized street gangs, safety on our roads and youth crime remained top priorities for the Durham Regional Police Service in 2006. A wide range of targeted enforcement campaigns and crime prevention initiatives helped keep Durham Region a safe place to live work and play.

### Gang Activity

Durham Region is home to at least 10 street gangs and approximately 21 Toronto-based street gangs have at least one member living in Durham Region. From small neighbourhood gangs to internationally connected criminal organizations like the Hell's Angels, gang activity remains a concern for police across the Greater Toronto Area.

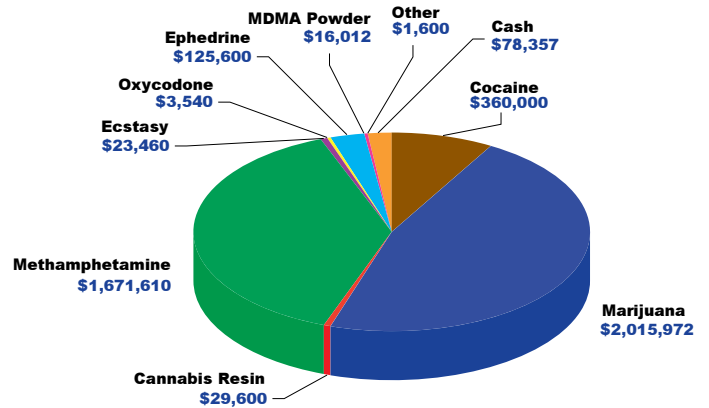
In 2006, the Gang Enforcement Unit and the Drug Enforcement Unit aggressively targeted this form of organized crime. Through a wide range of intelligence-led proactive enforcement initiatives, these two specialized units arrested more than 250 individuals in 2006 and laid 862 criminal charges. A total of 37 crime guns were recovered - including 19 handguns - and more than \$4.2 million worth of illicit drugs were seized. Members of the Criminal Intelligence Branch made a significant contribution to Project OSAGE, an Integrated National Security Enforcement Team (INSET) investigation that culminated in the arrests of 18 people for terrorism-related offences.

An investigation by Durham Regional Police into the Oshawa chapter of the Hell's Angels led to the formation of Project TANDEM by the provincial Biker Enforcement Unit (BEU) across southern Ontario, resulting in 32 arrests and the seizure of \$3.8 million in drugs, property and cash. Five members of the Oshawa Hells Angels chapter were arrested in the sweep.

The DRPS remains active members of several provincial and national gangs and guns joint investigative teams to share intelligence information. These include the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team; the Provincial Anti-Terrorism Unit; the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit; the Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario (CISO); the Provincial Asset Forfeiture Unit; the Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement (ROPE) squad; the Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit (PWEU); and the Provincial Biker Enforcement Unit (BEU).

In 2006, we were commended by the Criminal Intelligence Service Ontario (CISO) for the quality and number of our reports submitted to the Automated Criminal Intelligence Information System (ACIIS).

**Drugs/Cash Seized by GEU & DEU in 2006**



*In November 2006, an explosion and fire destroyed an industrial unit on Clements Road in Pickering. The remains of a clandestine methamphetamine "super lab" were discovered with dozens of drums of precursor material and 137 kg of finished product. The finished product alone had a street value of \$1.37 million. The toxic mess resulted in the permanent closure of several adjoining businesses as specially-equipped hazardous material teams had to go in and clean up the mess.*



## Traffic Management

We continued our aggressive yearlong road safety campaign "Drive to Stay Alive in 2006" and continued monthly R.I.D.E. programs to keep our roads safe.

These efforts paid off - there were two fewer motor vehicle deaths on our roads in 2006 compared to 2005. However, 27 people still lost their lives on roads patrolled by DRPS in 2006 - a level that is still not acceptable.

Changing driver behaviour through enforcement campaigns was a key focus in 2006. Specific enforcement campaigns targetted cottage-bound speeders, motorists in school zones, tailgaters and those who ignored traffic signals. Officers laid over 1,600 charges against motorists in school zones during one week in March as part of Operation "In the Zone."

In one enforcement campaign, officers targeting suspended and prohibited drivers laid 45 charges in two weeks. Officers arrested many of these offenders getting into vehicles outside of court buildings where they had just received licence suspensions.

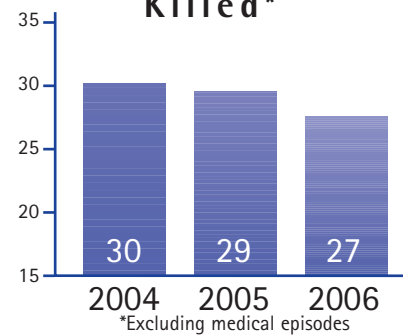
The Festive R.I.D.E. campaign in late 2006 was very successful as officers stopped over 23,600 vehicles, performed 489 roadside breath tests and arrested 101 people for drinking and driving. Another 167 motorists received 12-hour suspensions for having a high level of alcohol in their system. Yearlong Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.) campaigns and targeted enforcement initiatives remain an effective way of changing driver's attitudes and alerting driving behaviour.

As per the chart below, Durham Region roads are becoming busier and more congested every year. A reduction in motor vehicle deaths in this context is a very positive outcome.



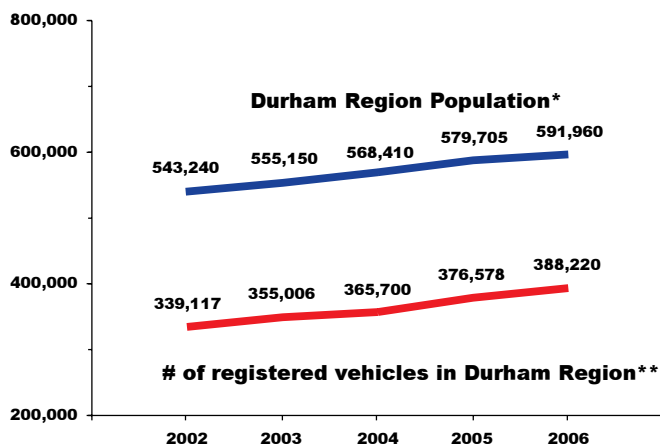
One of our officers conducts a road side check

## MVC Persons Killed\*



## Our Roads:

Population\* vs # of registered vehicles in Durham Region\*



\* Revised from previous counts \*\* Source: MTO