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Message from the Chair of the Police Services Board

Our Board welcomed two new members in 2008 and continued its work in setting the strategic direction for the Durham Regional Police through the creation of a new Strategic Business Plan and operational philosophy.

Oshawa lawyer Allan Furlong and Controller and Operations Manager Rose Rockbrune bring fresh new ideas and unique experiences to our governing body and we look forward to their contributions for many years to come. We also said goodbye to Aisha Malik at the end of the year as she completed her term of office with distinction.

One of the major events of the year was the adoption of a new Strategic Business Plan which include refreshed Vision, Mission and Value Statements as well as a new operational philosophy:

We are a problem-solving organization that, in partnership with our community, addresses the root causes of crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.

After consultation with the public, stakeholders and members of the police service, we approved a new three year Strategic Business Plan that reaffirms four strategic community safety priorities: Youth Safety; Roadway Safety; Violence Against/ Exploitation of Persons; and Property Crime.

We will continue to work closely with the police service and members of the community as we bring forward the resources and strategic direction required to keep our community one of the safest in Ontario.

Terry Clayton
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2008 Police Services Board Members

- Terry Clayton, Chair*
- Bruce Boyle, Vice Chair*
- Roger Anderson*
- Joe Drumm*
- Allan Furlong
(September to December)*
- Aisha Malik*
- Rose Rockbrune
(December)*
- Dave Ryan*

Police Services Board

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 Constable

We had tremendous success in 2008 combating street-level drugs, responding to emergencies across our vast region and working closely with community partners to help both victims of crime and young people in conflict with the law.

A number of significant events stand out as highlights we will not soon forget. Project Falcon disrupted an international cocaine network and resulted in the seizure of two sea containers and 376 kilograms of cocaine – certainly the biggest haul in the history of the DRPS and one of the biggest in Ontario history. A great investigation led by our Gang and Drug Enforcement Units.

The adoption of the 2008-2010 Strategic Business Plan was another important achievement as it clearly established a proactive, problem-solving approach to policing for generations of our officers to come. It also clarified our strategic organizational priorities for the Service: Diversity; Service-Wide Transition; Information Management and Technology; and Emergency Preparedness.

Another significant milestone was serving as host and organizer of the Special Olympics Ontario 2008 Spring Games. For the first time, these Games were held in Durham Region and it was an absolute privilege and thrill to be a part of it. A special thank you to Deputy Chief Chuck Mercier for his leadership, not only in securing the Games, but also leading the community organizing team. I must also thank our dedicated team of volunteers, as well as Staff Sergeant Karen Moloney and Sergeant Shaun Arnott for their tireless efforts in making it a huge success.

We also spent time reviewing operations to make sure we were allocating every resource wisely. Our Resource Allocation Review Team found a number of efficiencies and our Patrol Staffing Analysis team continued to review optimum deployment models.

Our successes in 2008 will be remembered by all of us for many years to come!



Mike Ewles
Chief Constable

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Ewles'.

Mike Ewles
Chief Constable