



M e e t i n g t h e B o a r d ' s T a r g e t s

The Durham Regional Police Services Board set specific targets for the police service to achieve in 2008 and compared local results with those from eight other similar-sized municipalities in Ontario. In virtually all categories, the Durham Regional Police Service continues to post impressive results, ranking among the best. For the first time, the DRPS had the highest total Criminal Code clearance

rate amongst its peers at 46 per cent and ranked second overall when it came to clearing violent crimes with an 80 per cent clearance rate.

In terms of clearing property crimes, DRPS came in a respectable third place in 2008 with a clearance rate of 30 per cent – not far behind the highest rate posted amongst the comparators of 33 per cent.

That number is trending upward every year as more and more property crimes are being cleared.

At a cost of \$215 per capita, the “value for the dollar” remains very high in Durham Region and policing costs continue to be very competitive when compared to other similar-sized jurisdictions in Ontario.

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 has one of the lowest cost-per capita of its comparator municipalities.*

* Cost per capita based on data directly from Police Services 2008 excluding revenues

Crime Prevention Ends

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

RESULT: Compliant

PROOF: The total Criminal Code Crime Rate of 4,273 per 100,000 is the fourth lowest of Board-identified comparator services.*

* Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Crime Statistics, All Police Services, 1977 to 2008

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 first out of eight comparable municipal police services with a Total Criminal Code Clearance Rate (excluding traffic) of 46 per cent.*

* Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Clearance Rates, Major Crime Categories, Municipal Police Services, 1977 to 2008.



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 2008, the Victim Services Unit assisted members in our community in 3,565 incidents. Of this total, 2,775 cases were referred to community partners for further intervention.

The Victim Crisis Assistance and Referral Service (VCARS) staff assisted in 402 incidents in 2008.

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 eight 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, on an eight minute response time, the DRPS was not compliant in 2008.

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. There were 8,606 in 2007 and 8,136 in 2008 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.