



STRATEGIC GOAL 1 **R**esponse

*Create a safer community
by maximizing the
efficiency and effectiveness
of policing operations*

While our community consultation and public opinion survey feedback shows that residents of Durham Region feel safe overall, there are areas of concern related to increased police presence and visibility in local neighbourhoods, youth crime and gang violence, and increased traffic safety and enforcement.

The strategic goal of Response lays out initiatives that focus our policing efforts on meeting these community needs. The DRP's operational priorities and action plans include improving traffic safety, reducing the impact of criminal gangs, and advancing intelligence-led policing – that is, using information proactively to guide patrols, conduct investigations, and solve crime and public disorder issues.

Initiatives to enhance service delivery in the core functions of crime prevention and assistance to victims of crime are also specified. Together, these initiatives form a comprehensive and cohesive approach to increase community safety in Durham Region.

OBJECTIVE	ACTION PLAN
<p>R1 To undertake a review of front line policing practices to improve operational efficiency and increase focus on proactive community based policing.</p>	<p>R1.1 Review current frontline policing practices and evaluate for efficiency/effectiveness.</p> <p>R1.2 Continue to develop and support volunteer programs to encourage members of the community to work in partnership with our Service.</p> <p>OUTCOME Frontline-policing practices will be optimized for efficiency and effectiveness to better serve the community.</p>
<p>R2 To reduce crime, particularly youth crime and maintain public safety and order by providing high standards of service in the community.</p>	<p>R2.1 Develop / implement a Service-wide crime prevention strategy.</p> <p>R2.2 Renew strategy to reduce youth crime/disorder.</p> <p>OUTCOME Improved public safety for the community at large.</p>
<p>R3 To reduce unlawful activity of identified gangs.</p>	<p>R3.1 Identify criminal gang members and expose criminal gang activity.</p> <p>R3.2 Develop and implement sustainable enforcement initiatives to target gangs and weapons.</p> <p>R3.3 Disseminate information / communicate impact of gangs to the community.</p>



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<p>R3 (continued)</p>	<p>OUTCOME Unlawful activity of identified gangs will be reduced through sustainable enforcement initiatives and information sharing.</p>
<p>R4 To increase traffic enforcement and education, focusing on unsafe driving and high collision areas.</p>	<p>R4.1 Provide education for our citizens to heighten awareness of personal driving habits related to unsafe driving.</p> <p>R4.2 Develop and implement a comprehensive traffic safety strategy for the Service.</p> <p>R4.3 Develop, enhance, and strengthen partnerships with local municipalities and traffic departments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Manage vehicle speeds on our roads through enforcement, education, and engineering. •Reduce motor vehicle collisions. •Explore use of new technologies (e.g. Photo Enforcement). <p>R4.4 Improve the safe driving habits of DRP members, and increase awareness of officers to risks.</p> <p>OUTCOME A comprehensive traffic safety strategy that targets aggressive and unsafe driving will be implemented to effectively reduce motor vehicle collisions.</p>
<p>R5 Intelligence-Led Policing - To translate credible information into operational activity.</p>	<p>R5.1 Collect, analyze, and disseminate information to identify traffic, crime, and public disorder trends.</p> <p>R5.2 Ensure ongoing, proactive use of crime analysis information.</p> <p>R5.3 Develop and implement a strategy to make proactive use of credible information from all sources for police activities, while ensuring accountability.</p> <p>R5.4 Develop operational strategies to ensure use of ongoing, proactive use of information for sustainable results.</p> <p>OUTCOME Proactive use of crime and traffic analysis information will ensure that policing resources and operational strategies are coordinated to improve public safety.</p>
<p>R6 To provide victims of crime with timely information, assistance, and support to reduce the impact of crime.</p>	<p>R6.1 Improve access to victims of crime and keep them informed throughout the investigation process.</p> <p>R6.2 Review and improve the service to vulnerable groups including those affected by domestic assault, criminal harassment, mental illness, and elder abuse.</p> <p>OUTCOME Reduction in the negative impact of crime through improved services to victims.</p>