



# MESSAGES



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE POLICE SERVICES BOARD

The Durham Regional Police Services Board understands the importance of safe communities for the social and economic health and well being of our citizens. We take this responsibility very seriously.

All organizations – especially those involved in the critical business of community safety – must have strategic, long-term plans to remain successful. As the governing body for the police service in Durham Region, we began this forward-thinking focus several years ago by setting long-term goals regarding community safety and quality of life. We shifted our focus away from short-term measurements, like volume indicators, and concentrated on performance targets that were relevant and measurable.

In an area with steady and consistent population growth, planning for the future is even more important. With our Shared Directional Statement signed in 2007 and our focus on achieving overarching targets, we have clearly shown the police service and the community where we need to go. This Strategic Business Plan builds on this vision and continues to chart a course for an effective, responsive and flexible police service that will meet the needs of growing communities.

On behalf of the Durham Regional Police Services Board, I am delighted to present to you our strategic road map for the next three years and beyond.

Yours in community safety,

Terry Clayton  
Chair