

2008 Annual Report

## leaders in community safety





Big Drug Bust: Project Falcon involved the largest seizure of cocaine in the history of the DRPS and one of the biggest ever in Ontario. A total of 376 kilograms of cocaine was found hidden on two cargo ships, with a street level value of \$54.5 million. See page 13.



Special Olympics: The DRPS brought the Special Olympics Ontario Spring Games to Durham Region for the first time. It turned out to be a memorable celebration of sport, competition and camaraderie. See page 12.



Constable Keith Richards shows summer student how a radar device works.

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### Our Vision

To have the safest community for people to live, work and play.

### Our Mission

As *Leaders in Community Safety*, we work proudly with all members of our community while holding ourselves accountable to improved effectiveness in everything we do. We proactively address future challenges while upholding our values.

### Our 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.

### Our Values

Every member of the Durham Regional Police Service is committed to providing quality service in partnership with our community. While learning from each other, we will achieve excellence through pride, respect, understanding and ethical behaviour.



### Message From The Board

### 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 Chair of the Police Services Board



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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!

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Mike Ewles Chief Constable



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### Meeting the Board's Targets

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.

### Crime Prevention Ends

The crime rate in Durham Region is among the lowest compared to eight 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.\*

#### **RESULT: Compliant**

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

#### 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.\*

\* Cost per capita based on data directly from Police Services 2008 excluding revenues \* Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Crime Statistics, All Police Services, 1977 to 2008 \* Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Clearance Rates, Major Crime Catagories, 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.



### Community Safety Priorities

Our new Strategic Business Plan clearly identified four priorities for community safety: Youth Safety; Roadway Safety; Violence Against/Exploitation of Persons; and Property Crime. Significant progress was made in all four areas in 2008.

#### Youth Safety

National, Provincial and local statistics are clear – despite gradual decreases in most crime categories, violent crime involving youth is slightly increasing. Most disturbing is a rise in street-level violence and drug-related incidents. In 2008, the DRPS had a multi-faceted approach to address this disturbing trend.

Our dedicated team of elementary and high school liaison officers work directly with children in classrooms across Durham Region every year, talking to them about bullying, respecting others and the dangers of drugs. In 2008, our officers delivered thousands of hours of education directly to young people in schools. An additional 10,000 students received our message about safety at the Kids' Safety Village in Whitby.

We are supporters of the popular Racing Against Drugs educational program held in Whitby and Clarington. Our joint venture with the Ministry of Child and Youth Services expanded our summer student outreach program to include 28 high school students in 2008, creating ambassadors who shared our enthusiasm for equal rights and personal responsibility. These students came away with leadership skills and a new respect for each other, the police and the community in which they live.

For those young people in conflict with the law, criminal charges and a lengthy court process are often counterproductive for their rehabilitation. That's why we invest heavily in youth intervention strategies for less serious crimes, including diversion from traditional court to a more timely and victim-focused approach. In 2008, we diverted 467 young people involved in less serious offences away from the traditional court system. This initiative helped clear the backlog in court and provided a swifter resolution to everyone involved.

Of that total, 59 youths were placed in anger management programs, 97 were provided with drug addiction counseling and 194 were referred to anti-theft programs.



Chief Constable Mike Ewles chats with youngsters at the Eastview Boys and Girls Club in Oshawa.

Over 150 young people attended the first ever youth forum called the Ripple Affect hosted by the DRPS Youth in Policing students on Aug. 26 in Ajax.

Deputy Chief Chuck Mercier welcomed the youths before listening to inspirational speakers Farley Flex and Spider Jones. They encouraged them to continue their leadership roles in the community and to live their passion everyday. "When I see young people like you," said Spider Jones, "it gives me hope for the future."

The day also included some break-out sessions, with the youths tackling issues such as cyber-bullying, gangs, drugs and racism. Each group presented some viable solutions to the problems and ideas that they could take back to their communities. All students involved in the forum will receive an action plan to implement in their school.

The Youth in Policing summer program introduced 28 students to the world of policing and focused on developing their leadership skills. Throughout the course of the summer they were certified in CPR, worked at St. Vincent's Kitchen and participated in diversity workshops.

#### Roadway Safety

The top concern in every municipality is roadway safety – from cars speeding in school zones to impaired drivers endangering the lives of others.

In 2008, the number of registered vehicles in Durham Region surpassed 400,000 for the first time. Despite increasing traffic volume on existing roads, a strategic approach to traffic enforcement paid dividends. There were decreases in both persons killed in motor vehicle collisions and those injured. By concentrating on school zones at the beginning, middle and end of the school year and targeting the Region's most dangerous intersections, enforcement campaigns made a difference. The total number of roadway fatalities decreased 7.7 per cent and the number of collisions involving injury fell 3.9 per cent in 2008.

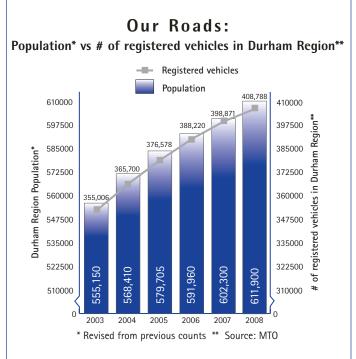
A yearlong Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.) initiative and aggressive enforcement around the holiday season also made a significant difference. A record number of impaired drivers were pulled over in our annual Festive R.I.D.E. 2008/09 – 152 persons were charged with drinking and driving offences, an increase of 39 from the previous year. Our dedicated R.I.D.E team targeted neighbourhoods near bars and taverns. The campaign began by Traffic Services sending a Christmas card to every suspended driver in Durham Region, reminding them not to drive during the holidays. Throughout the entire year, total Impaired Operation incidents were down 2.2 per cent in 2008. from the previous year.

The number of Highway Traffic Act Offence Notices remained consistent with the previous year (42,151 compared to 42,391 in 2007). Frontline Officers continued to spend a considerable amount of time stopping speeders and other dangerous drivers to change their behaviour.

Durham Regional Police continue to receive invaluable assistance from many community organizations and volunteers to help keep our roads safe, such as Road Watch and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.).

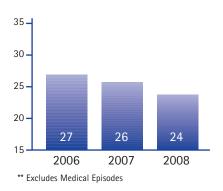


Our 2008/2009 Festive R.I.D.E. Team.

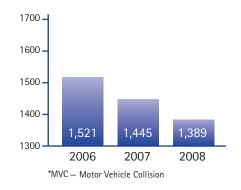


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### MVC\* Persons Killed\*\*



### **MVC\*** Injury Collisions





### Community Safety Priorities

### Violence Against/Exploitation

#### of Persons

Identified as a community safety priority, officers continued their efforts to reduce and prevent violence against people and the exploitation of our society's most vulnerable members.

In addition to our many youth programs, special attention was placed on elder safety and Internet luring/child pornography issues in 2008. A new Vulnerable Persons Unit was created in 2008 to focus more attention in these growing areas.

Members of the Sexual Assault Unit continued their aggressive fight against Internet luring and the exploitation not only of children but of women. A number of high profile arrests were made in 2008 of men attempting to lure young females to private locations.

In October we held a one-day workshop for French-speaking daycare workers in Durham Region to educate them on recognizing suspected cases of sexual abuse involving children.

Elder abuse is a growing problem in our communities and DRPS is working to eliminate the financial, physical and emotional abuse many older people are facing. A new Senior Support Co-ordinator position was approved in 2008 to further protect the interests of our seniors. Since many elderly citizens are uncomfortable even dealing with police, new outreach approaches are taking place. A room has been set up at the Oshawa Senior Citizen Centre, for example, where statements can be taken in a more comfortable environment.

We continue to be an active member of the Durham Elder Abuse Network (DEAN) and Law Enforcement Agencies Protecting Seniors (LEAPS).

Our new Mental Health Support Unit attended and supported frontline officers at 242 incidents in 2008 and also reviewed 1,715 mental health-related incident reports to assist clients, caregivers, parents and other support persons.





### Community Safety Priorities

A new partnership between DRPS, Durham Mental Health Services and Ontario Shores, formerly the Whitby Mental Health Centre, is improving service to those suffering from mental health issues.

With funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care through Durham Mental Health Services, a new Mental Health Response Unit (MHSU) was launched in 2008 to assist frontline police officers deal with serious mental health calls.

The MHSU consists of a plain-clothes police officer and a mental health nurse and support crisis staff. They respond to police officers' requests for assistance with situations that require skilled mental health interventions. They work to both resolve the immediate situation, and then make sure the person who is experiencing a mental health challenge is given the help he or she needs. Back-up for the MHSU is provided by Durham Mental Health Crisis Services.

This new partnership links the continuum of mental health care in the community with the crisis response system. The unit is meeting the mental health needs of people who come in contact with the police, and at the same time is significantly reducing the demand on hospital emergency departments. In the past, all police calls dealing with mental health crises would result in trips to local emergency rooms.

### Helping Victims of Abuse

Members of Durham Region's Intimate-relationship Violence Empowerment Network (DRIVEN) hosted their third annual forum to highlight "The Domestic Violence Disconnect."

DRIVEN is a community-led initiative to provide victims of intimate-relationship violence with an efficient system of co-located services and collaborating partners to facilitate the individual's access to support and enhance service quality. DRPS is one of DRIVEN's many service partners.

### **Property Crimes**

One of the barriers to preventing property crime is the reluctance of citizens to report incidents. If police are not informed about the nature and scope of the problem in neighbourhoods, we assume there isn't a problem.

In 2008, many neighbourhoods did tell us about property crime and our team of specialized crime analysts put together summaries and trends to help inform frontline patrol.



Although property crimes increased by 2 per cent overall in 2008, there were important reductions in arsons (down 34.2 per cent) motor vehicle thefts (down 9.9 per cent) and mischief incidents (down 4.7 per cent). The main cause of the overall two per cent increase was a significant increase in Frauds, namely sophisticated credit and debit card scams. Our Property Crime Clearance Rate increased from 26 per cent in 2007 to 30 per cent in 2008.

In 2007 we investigated 1,913 incidents of Fraud in Durham Region and that number jumped 21 per cent in 2008 to 2,315. The increase is attributable, in part, to several major investigations involving our Fraud Unit in which multiple arrests were made involving debit and credit card scams.

Project Marathon was launched in June 2008 to further investigate suspects arrested in Pickering who were involved in loan scams As part of the five-month investigation, several fraudulent websites were found and addresses were raided in Ajax, Toronto and Scarborough. A total of 20 fraudulent companies were uncovered and 20 people were charged. Hundreds of victims across North America were identified and their losses exceeded \$2 million.

In October, two Whitby men were arrested after a lengthy investigation into commercial break-ins. Investigators laid 112 charges against the males, who were responsible for at least 30 break-ins involving businesses across the Region.



### 2008: Significant Events

#### The 2008 Ontario Spring Games

Special Olympics Ontario has long been the charity of choice for the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police. In the spirit of this partnership and through the drive and determination of Deputy Chief Chuck Mercier, the DRPS successfully applied to host the 2008 Spring Games in Durham Region.

After years of planning and through a community-wide network of support, the DRPS was proud to bring these athletes and their families to Durham Region for a magical week in May.

Approximately 700 Special Olympians competed May 28- 31<sup>st</sup> in various sporting events across Durham Region as the Special Olympics Ontario (SOO) 2008 Provincial Spring Games took flight.

The competition was exciting and every athlete was applauded for his or her efforts as proud family members, coaches and friends looked on. From the waters of the Pickering Recreation Centre swimming pool to the top of the basketball rim at Durham College, each sport thrilled spectators and left people wanting more.

The official closing ceremony on May 31<sup>st</sup> was an emotional event as the Special Olympic flag was passed from Chief Constable Mike Ewles to the next host community.

On the Sunday morning, the athletes said goodbye, climbed back into their buses and began the long journey home, full of great memories of one of the most successful SOO Games ever held.

The DRPS would like to thank the extraordinary number of athletes, volunteers, family members and the dedicated coaches who made this memorable event possible.

Volunteers produced and distributed about 4,000 boxed lunches and provided more than 20,000 hours of work to make it all happen. Approximately 1,900 medals were awarded throughout the Games.



#### The 2008 Ontario Spring Games Legacy

Over \$1 million was raised in financial contributions and giftsin-kind to help make the Games a great success.

With some of the uncommitted funds, a significant contribution was made to the Abilities Centre planned for Iroquois Park in Whitby. There will be a permanent office created in this new facility for local members of Special Olympics to use.

Another important legacy was the first ever Healthy Athletes Expo in Durham Region for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The two day event was held at Durham College/U.O.I.T. on May  $9^{th}$  and  $10^{th}$  prior to the Spring Games and afforded athletes special access to health care services such as eye exams, dental exams and more. Over 700 athletes attended the expo.





### Largest Cocaine Seizure in Durham Region's History

A major investigation into drug trafficking in Durham Region led to the largest seizure of cocaine in the history of the DRPS, and one of the largest in Ontario history.

Project Falcon was led by the DRPS Gang Enforcement Unit and the goal was simple – find the source of the cocaine on Durham streets. A successful investigation led investigators to a food importer based in Etobicoke who was bringing in cocaine hidden inside boxes of hot sauce from Guyana through the Port of Saint John, New Brunswick. Working with the R.C.M.P. and the Canada Border Services Agency, a freight container was stopped in Saint John in December 2008 and 276 kilograms of cocaine was found pressed inside the cardboard dividers in boxes of hot sauce. Several days later, a second vessel was intercepted in St. Croix, the U.S. Virgin Islands and another 100 kilograms of cocaine seized.

In total, the 376 kilograms of 78 per cent pure cocaine was seized worth \$54.5 million.

# DEU and GEU Drug Seizures 2006, 2007, 2008 (\$10,000+)

	2006 (\$)	2007 (\$)	2008 (\$)
Marihuana	2,015,972	19,435,400	6,404,188
Cocaine	36,200	2,880,000	55,128,555
Ecstasy	23,460	525,500	6,220
Ephedrine	125,600	150,000	-
Cannabis Resin	29,600	130,000	8,870
Anabolic Steroid	-	32,500	-
GHB	-	25,300	3,500
Oxycodone	3,540	22,600	17,010
Psilocybyn	750	12,056	532
Methamphetamine	1,671,610	-	129,450
MDMA Powder	16,012	-	-
TOTAL	4.2 M	23.2 M	61.7 M





### Taking the Profit Out of Crime

From January 2008 until mid-2009, the DRPS seized approximately \$5.98 million under all seizure and forfeiture processes available. About \$683,000 of that total was through the Civil Remedies for Illicit Activities (CRIA) program. Most of these seized assets are vehicles and houses. Eventually the monies are received by the provincial or federal government after final dispositions have been made in court.

One of the most significant seizures was the Hells Angels clubhouse on Ortono Avenue in Oshawa.





### 2008: Significant Events - continued

#### **Employer of Choice**

For the third year in a row, Maclean's/Mediacorp. has chosen the Durham Regional Police Service as one of the Top 100 Employers in Canada and Top 50 Employers in the Greater Toronto Area.



The DRPS was chosen out of thousands of applicants for the honour in recognition of its human resource programs and services.

#### Two Officers Receive Order of Merit

Two members of the Durham Regional Police Service were appointed to the prestigious Order of Merit of Police Forces.

Deputy Chief Chuck Mercier and Superintendent Bob Chapman received their medals from Governor General Michaelle Jean at Rideau Hall in Ottawa on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Deputy Chief Mercier was honoured for his involvement with youth in our community, his work with Special Olympics and his contributions as a senior officer with DRPS. Superintendent Chapman was recognized for his dedicated years of service with both the Canadian Forces and the DRPS.



Superintendent Bob Chapman



Deputy Chief Chuck Mercier

### **OWLE Award Winner**

Civilian member Heather Murray won the Civilian Achievement Award at the Ontario Women in Law Enforcement Awards on May 2 in Mississauga.

The award is given to a civilian member of a law enforcement agency who contributes by way of outstanding or significant support to her colleagues. The 18-year-employee was recognized for her



outstanding community service and volunteerism through her love of music. She created the first DRP Rock and Roll band called 'The Cruisers' as well as the DRP Choir. The band travels to various schools in the region, singing about the dangers of bullying, drugs and gangs.

#### Chief for a Day

Saluting police officers and handling media inquiries came naturally to 10year-Nicholas McLaughlin as he rose to the occasion as Durham Regional Police Chief for a Day.



Nicholas, a Grade 5 student at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School in Oshawa swore an oath of office on October 20th before

taking on the duties of his rank. It was all part of the annual Police Appreciation Dinner and Awards Night celebrations.

Classmates watched as Nicholas was escorted from school by DRP Constable Corey Walsh to assume his new role. Dressed in a custom-made uniform and police hat, Nicholas and his parents were driven to headquarters in a police vehicle for his official swearing in and oath of office.

Nicholas then headed to the Police Learning Centre where he learned about officer training. After he had his fingerprints taken by the Forensic Identification Unit, Nicholas got to have the experience of a lifetime – taking a ride in Air 1 to his school and waving to his classmates from high in the air.

He delivered his speech in front of over 600 community members on the evening of October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the gala dinner held in Ajax.

### National Recognition

Detective Constable Deborah Knight was recognized for her outstanding efforts in helping young people at the annual conference of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) in Montreal.

Detective Constable Knight received a Certificate of Distinction for her work with the Youth in Action Program. Established in 2008, Youth in Action helps young people residing in low-

income housing to interact with their local police forces in positive ways.

The certificate is part of the annual Minister of Justice National Youth Justice Policing Awards.

Youth in Action is a collaborative effort between the Durham Regional Police Service, Region of Durham



Social Services and Durham District School Board Continuing Education. It doubles as a Grade 11 credit leadership course which is offered in the community rooms of housing developments. This has led to many youth re-enrolling in the school system and has allowed family, friends and community leaders to be closely involved in the lives and education of the participants.

### New Courthouse Construction

Work continued throughout 2008 on the new consolidated courthouse for Durham Region. The 350,000 sq. ft. structure in downtown Oshawa will feature 33 courtrooms and house more than 500 employees. It will consolidate eight different courthouse locations in Durham Region and improve efficiency in the management of those in custody. In the new building, six courtrooms will have video remand conferencing and there will be two remote video testimony rooms for vulnerable and child witnesses.



Aerial vew of the new courthouse in May 2008.

### Welcoming New Citizens

Forty new citizens from around the world officially became Canadians at a Citizenship Ceremony at Durham Regional Headquarters in Whitby, hosted by the DRPS.

Judge Gaynor presided over the ceremony in the Council Chamber and welcomed the new Canadians, along with Regional Councillor April Cullen of the Health and Social Services Committee, Social Services Commissioner Dr. Hugh Drouin and Chief Constable Mike Ewles.

"Our members work tirelessly to make Durham the safest community to live, work and play and we are proud that you have chosen our region to begin your new lives," said Chief Constable Ewles. "At Durham Regional Police we aim to be leaders in community safety and we encourage you to do the same by setting examples and helping others in your communities."

Regional representatives, members of the Durham Regional Police Service, the Department of Social Services and local dignitaries were also on hand to welcome the new citizens and join them at a reception and cake cutting following the ceremony. Each new resident received a gift bag packed with information about Durham Region.

DRPS welcomes the newest residents of Durham Region to our communities.



### A New Vision for the Future

After months of consultations and extensive reviews of best practices in policing, the Durham Regional Police Services Board unveiled its new three-year Strategic Business Plan in 2008.

The 2008-2010 Strategic Business Plan is a blueprint for the future of policing and service delivery in Durham Region. The 36-page document clearly identifies the new philosophy of the police service, its strategic direction and its priorities for the future.

Led by Supt. Greg Mills and Strategic Planning Manager Audra Mihaly, the development of the plan involved consultations with community organizations and employees of the Service. Members of the public were also consulted through a November 2007 public opinion survey on community safety issues. The plan outlines the importance of moving the service delivery model towards a more proactive one by focusing more on addressing the root causes of crime. By working with community agencies and leveraging their unique skills and abilities, the Board hopes to meet increasing demands for police service by eliminating or reducing recurring problems and focusing more attention on crime prevention.

"We are one of the leaders in North America regarding this new approach to community safety," says Board Chair Terry Clayton, "This marks the beginning of a multi-year transformation to the way we do business and we are all very excited about charting this new course."

At the heart of the Strategic Business Plan is a new operational philosophy – empowering frontline officers to solve problems by addressing the root causes of crime, fear of crime and anti-

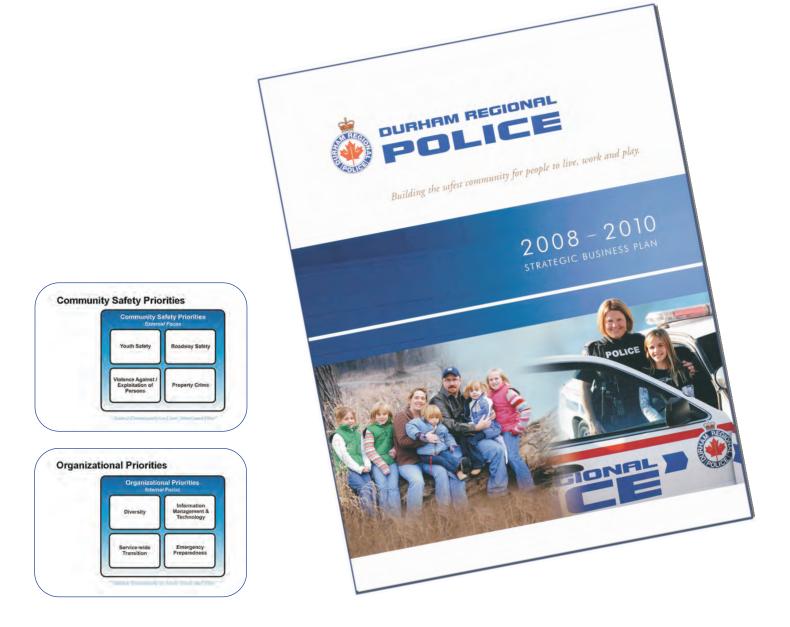


Business Plan

social behaviour through partnerships with existing or emerging community resources. Efforts are now underway to ensure officers have the appropriate amount of time and the proper training to engage in more problem-solving activities.

The plan identifies four priorities for community safety: Youth Safety; Roadway Safety; Violence Against/Exploitation of Persons; and Property Crime. It also identifies four strategic internal priorities for the Durham Regional Police Service, namely: Diversity, Service-Wide Transition; Information Management and Technology; and Emergency Preparedness. Chief Constable Mike Ewles called the new Business Plan an "important milestone" for the transformation of the police service. "We are all excited about this new approach and I look forward to working with our outstanding team of professional women and men to solve community problems and enhance our ability to help people in their time of need," he said.

The development of a business plan is required under provincial regulations. The Durham Regional Police Services Board created its first three-year plan in 2002. The new document is now online at www.drps.ca under Business Plan on the navigational bar on the right hand side of the web page.





### Public Opinion Survey

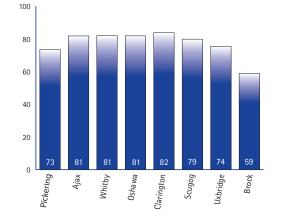
As established in the Business Plan, Durham Regional Police endeavours to consult, on a regular basis, with the citizens it serves. We ask our customers about their perceptions of safety, the quality of service they receive and other important community safety questions.

Our public opinion survey in late 2007 came up with very similar results to our Region-wide surveys in 2004 and 2002:

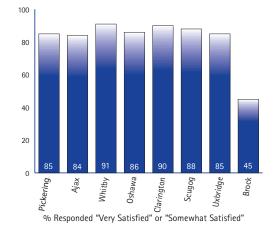
- 93 per cent of citizens feel safe always or most of the time
- 86 per cent were very satisfied or somewhat satisfied with the quality of police service they receive
- 79 per cent thought police were approachable always or most of the time
- 79 per cent felt police were fair always or most of the time
- 69 per cent said police were available when needed always or most of the time



Are Officers Fair to People Like Yourself?



#### Are You Satisfied with the Quality of Police Service?



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### Public Complaints

The rate of public complaints received in 2008 remained at historically low levels considering the nature of the business and the volume of calls every year.

In 2008, there were 108 public complaints received, nine more than the year before. This represents one public complaint for every 1,125 Calls for Service. Each complaint is taken seriously and is investigated either by the supervisor on duty or the Professional Standards Unit.

The majority of complaints are quickly resolved after an initial discussion with supervisors. Many complaints are found to be unsubstantiated or unfounded after initial investigation. In some instances, further follow up is required. If the complaint is found to have merit, the consequence for an Officer can range from a verbal reprimand to outright dismissal.

In most police services, the most frequent public complaints involve allegations of improper language, rudeness or poor attitude amongst police officers. Of the 108 complaints received in 2008, 16 involved allegations of Excessive Use of Force, 49 involved allegations of Discreditable Conduct and 33 involved allegations of Neglect of Duty. By the end of the year, 42 of the complaints were withdrawn by the citizen and 39 were determined to be either unsubstantiated or deemed vexatious or made in bad faith.

### The Special Investigations Unit

Every year, police officers across Ontario inevitably find themselves in life-threatening or dangerous situations while on duty. From Emotionally Disturbed Person calls to domestic incidents, police officers are trained to use various levels of force and how much force is appropriate.

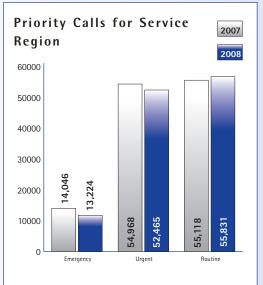
In Ontario, when a person is seriously injured or killed during any police call, the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) must be notified.

In 2008, the SIU were called to Durham Region 10 times and invoked their mandate eight times. The officer's actions were justified in every investigation and no charges were laid. In fact, the SIU commented several times about the high level of cooperation and professionalism their investigators received from our police officers.

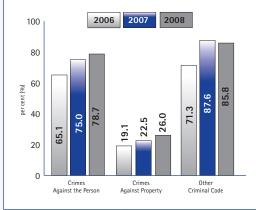




### Regional and Community Overview



Operational Clearance Rates for Region



- The Homicide Unit investigated six homicides in 2008 and all were resolved
- In 2008, our Vulnerable Persons Unit processed 4,763 Domestic Violence Reports, down slightly from 4,846 reports in 2007
- In 2008, we set a target to divert 360 youths from the traditional court system through our Youth Diversion Program. We ended up diverting 467 youths, referring many to specialized programs in the community
- Funded by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the Durham Region Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy (DRAVIS) was a proactive and aggressive initiative that targeted known criminals and street-level violence. Uniformed officers made over 10,000 community contacts, completed 137 operations and performed 2,319 street checks. DRAVIS charged 499 people and seized eight firearms, making a significant contribution to community safety.

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
555,150	568,410	579,705	591,960	603,090	611,900
750	757	777	807	831	839
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\* Authorized, excludes NSD

\*\* Frontline marked and unmarked units, includes Community Services vehicles, ATVs, snowmobiles.



### 2008 Divisional Fleet Information

	Front-line Vehicles	Kilometers Travelled
15 Division	17	1,203,114
16 Division	18	886,882
17 Division	48	1,386,686
18 Division	22	738,800
19 Division	33	1,146,576

REPORTED OR KNOWN VIOLATIONS	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007/2008
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS (EXCLUDING TRAFFIC)	33,631	31,503	31,319	-0,6
CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON	5,625	6,282	5,789	-7.9
Violations Causing Death	8	7	6	-14.3
Attempting the Commission of a Capital Crime	6	2	3	.50.0
Sexual Violations	536	572	502	-12.2
Sexual Assault	406	482	410	-14.9
Luring a Child via Computer	9	4	16	300.0
Other Sexual Violations	121	86	76	-11.6
Assaults	2644	3001	2844	-5.2
Aggravated Assault Level 3	67	69	65	-5.8
Assault with Weapon or Causing Bodily Harm Level 2	440	507	484	-4.5
Assault Level 1	1907	2198	2120	-3.6
Discharge Firearm with Intent	4	5	1	-80.0
Using Firearm/Imitation of Firearm in Commission of Offence	27	22	12	-45.5
Pointing a Firearm	30	29	12	-58.6
Assault against Peace Public Officer	129	136	136	0.0
All Other Assaults	40	35	14	-60.0
Deprivation of Freedom	47	84	65	-22.6
Robberv	496	596	-474	-20.5
Harassing Phone Calls	679	689	626	-9.1
Utter Threats to Person	858	985	907	-7.9
Criminal Harassment	322	306	321	4.9
All Other Violent Violations	29	40	41	2.5
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	21,497	19,764	20,157	2.0
Arson	92	114	75	-34.2
Break and Enter	2904	2461	2540	3.2
Motor Vehicle Theft	1664	1350	1216	-9.9
Theft Over \$5000	384	335	319	-4.8
Theft Under \$5000	7152	6722	7064	5.1
Shoplifting	1205	1355	1350	-0.4
Have Stolen Goods	1036	799	785	-1.8
Fraud	1867	1913	2315	21.0
Mischief	5193	4715	4493	-4.7
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS	6,509	5,457	5,373	-1.5
Prostitution	72	85	53	-37.7
Gaming and Betting	0	1	12	1100.0
	481	369	355	-3.8
Offensive Weapons Possession of Weapons	401	309	355	-5.3
All Other Offensive Weapons	419	337	319	-0.3
Bail Violations	1772	1625	1575	-3.1
Production/Distribution of Child Pomography	33	30	28	-6.7 4.8
Obstruct Public Peace Officer	230	189	198	
Breach of Probation All Other Criminal Code	1282	2049	989 2163	-10.8
Current as at January 29, 2009. Includes all reported or known violatons recorder		2049	2103	0.0

<sup>1</sup> Includes Murder 1st Degree, Murder 2nd Degree, Manslaughter, Infanticide, Crminal Negligence Causing Death, and Other Related Offences Causing Death

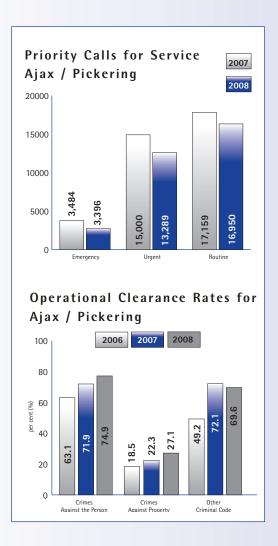
COMBINED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT	1,729	2,060	2,060	0.0
Possession	1279	1576	1594	1,1
Trafficking	369	405	372	-8,2
Importation and Exportation	13	6	6	0.0
Production	66	73	88	20.6
Current as at January 30, 2009. Includes all reported or known violatons n	ecorded in the DRPS RMS.			
ROADWAY SAFETY	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007/2008
CRIMINAL CODE DRIVING	1,609	1,686	2,201	30.6
Dangerous Operation	137	146	137	-6.2
Flight from Peace Officer	25	18	18	0.0
Impaired Operation/Related Violations	891	865	846	-2.2
Other Criminal Code Driving Violations	556	656	1198	82.6
Street Racing	0	1	2	100.0
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - PROPERTY DAMAGE	7,654	8,915	8,727	-2.1
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - INJURY	1,521	1,445	1,389	-3.5
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - FATALITIES (NON-MEDICAL)	27	26	24	-7.7
HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT OFFENCE NOTICES	43,537	42.391	42,151	-0.6

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### 19 Division

The Ajax-Pickering Division is located at 1710 Kingston Road at the corner of Brock Road and Kingston Road in Pickering. Inspector Steve Ross led our team in Ajax and Pickering in 2008.







Chief Constable Ewles lends a helping hand at the Annual Children's Games held in Pickering.



Constable Kelloway serves hungry patrons at Boston Pizza in support of the Special Olympics Ontario Torch Run Team.

### **PROJECT MOBY DICK:**

Initiated after a rash of commercial break and enters. Two Whitby men were arrested in connection with 30 commercial break-ins and 112 charges were laid.

### STREET LEVEL ROBBERIES:

A full-time unit was created to combat an increasing number of street-level robberies in Ajax and Pickering in 2008. A total of 76 people were arrested and officers laid 245 criminal charges. Street-level robberies dropped from 200 in 2007 to 155 in 2008.

#### **PROJECT AVALON:** Officers

on bicycles patrolled parks and green spaces. Results: 299 tickets, 110 arrests, 51 criminal charges, 90 street checks and 47 drug seizures.

### **PROJECT ARCHER:**

Led by the Drug Enforcement Unit, dismantled a cocaine and marihuana distribution ring and over \$300,000 in cash and drugs were seized.

REPORTED OR KNOWN VIOLATIONS	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007/2008
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS (EXCLUDING TRAFFIC)	9,568	9,304	8,764	-5.1
CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON	1,633	1,784	1,660	-7.0
Violations Causing Death1	4	3	3	0.0
Attempting the Commission of a Capital Crime	3	0	2	1
Sexual Violations	124	132	126	-4.6
Sexual Assault	95	118	105	-11.0
Luring a Child via Computer	3	1	5	400.0
Other Sexual Violations	26	13	16	23.1
Assaults	747	801	772	-3.6
Aggravated Assault Level 3	21	11	17	54.6
Assault with Weapon or Causing Bodily Harm Level 2	121	141	162	14.9
Assault Level 1	545	588	536	-8.8
Discharge Firearm with Intent	4	0	1	1
Using Firearm/Imitation of Firearm in Commission of Offence	8	9	6	-33.3
Pointing a Firearm	9	6	7	16.7
Assault against Peace Public Officer	29	36	34	-5.6
All Other Assaults	10	10	9	-10.0
Deprivation of Freedom	12	26	16	-38.5
Robbery	190	238	190	-20.2
Harassing Phone Calls	202	227	179	-21.2
Utter Threats to Person	250	268	268	0.0
Criminal Harassment	94	74	.89	20.3
All Other Violent Violations	7	15	15	0.0
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	6,541	6,507	6,007	-7.7
Arson	30	44	24	-45.8
Break and Enter	858	735	653	-11.2
Motor Vehicle Theft	538	483	321	-33.5
Theft Over \$5000	120	101	83	-17.8
Theft Under \$5000	2184	2254	2089	-7.3
Shoplifting	438	494	456	-7.7
Have Stolen Goods	301	274	226	-17.5
Fraud	610	695	814	17.1
Mischief	1462	1427	1341	-6.0
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS	1,394	1,013	1,097	8.3
Prostitution	0	4	1	-75.0
Gaming and Betting	0	0	1	-
Offensive Weapons	168	125	133	6.4
Possession of Weapons	153	114	126	10.5
All Other Offensive Weapons	15	11	7	-36.4
Bail Violations	327	348	337	-3.2
Production/Distribution of Child Pomography	4	5	3	-40.0
Obstruct Public Peace Officer	47	43	49	14.0
Breach of Probation	266	174	195	12,1
All Other Criminal Code	582	314	378	20.4
Current as at January 29, 2009. Includes all reported or known violatons record Includes Murder 1st Degree, Murder 2nd Degree, Manslaughter, Infanticide, C Causing Death		ing Death, and	Other Relate	d Offences
COMBINED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT	437	559	541	-3.2
Possession	337	425	427	0.5
Trafficking	70	121	94	-22.3
Importation and Exportation	6	1	1	0.0
Production	22	12	19	58.3
Current as at January 30, 2009. Includes all reported or known violations record				
ROADWAY SAFETY	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007/2008

ROADWAY SAFETY	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007/2008
CRIMINAL CODE DRIVING	403	368	710	92,6
Dangerous Operation	35	38	38	0.0
Flight from Peace Officer	8	7	3	-57
Impaired Operation/Related Violations	208	194	245	26.3
Other Criminal Code Driving Violations	152	129	422	227.
Street Racing	0	0	2	-
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - PROPERTY DAMAGE	2,821	3,298	3,113	-5.0
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - INJURY	464	454	470	3.1
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - FATALITIES (NON-MEDICAL)	8	5	6	20.0
HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT OFFENCE NOTICES	10,121	9,246	11,487	24.3
Current as at January 30, 2009. Includes all reported or known violations recor	ded in the DRPS RMS.			

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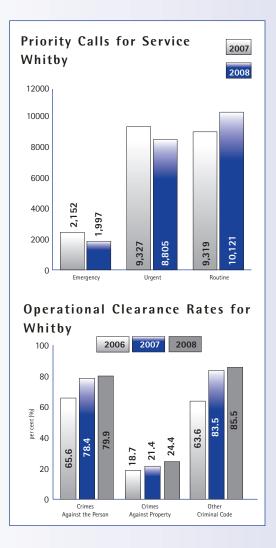
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### 18 Division

The Whitby Division is located at 480 Taunton Road East. The building is also home to several other DRPS Units, including Traffic Services and Victim Services. Inspector Dan McMullan led our team in Whitby.







Members of 18 Division proudly participated in Remembrance Day ceremonies in Whitby.



Inspector Eva Reti debriefs a platoon after an emergency exercise in Whitby.

### **STOLEN CHEQUES:**

Two Whitby residents were among six charged in connection with a fraudulent cheque-cashing scheme targeting several large organizations. Legitimate cheques from major organizations were stolen then altered with individual payee names and amounts prior to being cashed. The stolen cheques, worth approximately \$32,000, were cashed in the GTA. The six accused face 68 charges.

### **BREAK-INS SOLVED:**

Two Whitby men are facing over 100 charges in connection with a rash of commercial break-ins across Durham Region. Between July 2008 and October 2008, the suspects targeted commercial businesses, most times in the late night or early morning hours. The suspects would remove or break the glass door to gain access. Once inside, they stole money, cigarettes and electronics. The investigation was coordinated by the Pickering and Whitby Criminal Investigation Bureaus and was first initiated by uniform officers from Whitby. Investigators have laid 112 charges against the two males and *believe that they were responsible for at* least 30 commercial break-ins across the region.

REPORTED OR KNOWN VIOLATIONS	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007/2008
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS (EXCLUDING TRAFFIC)	5,052	5,106	5,574	9.2
RIMES AGAINST THE PERSON	839	999	961	-3.8
Violations Causing Death <sup>®</sup>	0	1	0	-100.0
Attempting the Commission of a Capital Crime	0	0	0	-
Sexual Violations	88	72	69	-4.2
Sexual Assault	65	58	59	1.7
Luring a Child via Computer	1	1	3	200.0
Other Sexual Violations	22	13	7	-46.2
Assaults	361	487	493	1.2
Aggravated Assault Level 3	9	14	9	-35.7
Assault with Weapon or Causing Bodily Harm Level 2	53	73	84	15.1
Assault Level 1	268	363	379	4.4
Discharge Firearm with Intent	0	2	0	-100.0
Using Firearm/Imitation of Firearm in Commission of Offence	3	1	4	300.0
Pointing a Firearm	+4	9	1	-88.9
Assault against Peace Public Officer	22	23	16	-30.4
All Other Assaults	2	2	0	-100.0
Deprivation of Freedom	9	16	10	-37.5
Robbery	73	64	64	0.0
Harassing Phone Calls	123	122	123	0.8
Utter Threats to Person	125	165	139	-15.8
Criminal Harassment	55	63	57	-9.5
All Other Violent Violations	5	9	6	-33.3
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	3,191	3,195	3,667	14.8
Arson	24	12	15	25.0
Break and Enter	321	387	477	23.3
Motor Vehicle Theft	234	170	192	12.9
Theft Over \$5000	59	63	75	19.1
Theft Under \$5000	1047	1125	1395	24.0
Shoplifting	137	178	161	-9.6
Have Stolen Goods	122	96	97	1.0
Fraud	318	346	408	17.9
Mischief	929	818	847	3.6
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS	1,022	912	946	3.7
Prostitution	0	1	1	0.0
Gaming and Betting	0	1	3	200.0
Offensive Weapons	63	54	79	46.3
Possession of Weapons	52	49	69	40.8
All Other Offensive Weapons	11		10	100.0
Bail Violations	209	230	276	20.0
Production/Distribution of Child Pornography	11	230	2/0	-25.0
Obstruct Public Peace Officer	30	22	38	-25.0
Breach of Probation	355	367	303	-17.4
	333	307	303	-1(.4

Current as at January 29, 2009. Includes all reported or known violatons recorded in the DRPS RMS.

Includes Murder 1st Degree, Murder 2nd Degree, Manslaughter, Infanticide, Crminal Negligence Causing Death, and Other Related Offences Causing Death

COMBINED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT	318	419	460	9.8
Possession	275	357	382	7.0
Trafficking	38	55	69	25.5
Importation and Exportation	1	.0	1	-
Production	4	7	8	14.3
Current as at January 30, 2009. Includes all reported or known violatons re	ecorded in the DRPS RMS.			
ROADWAY SAFETY	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007/2008
CRIMINAL CODE DRIVING	318	332	375	13.0
Dangerous Operation	14	29	27	-6.9
Flight from Peace Officer	3	1	4	300.0
Impaired Operation/Related Violations	195	165	150	-9.1
Other Criminal Code Driving Violations	106	136	194	42.7
Street Racing	0	1	0	-100.0
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,248	1,448	1,459	0.8
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - INJURY	270	257	244	-5,1
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - FATALITIES (NON-MEDICAL)	5	-4	2	-50,0
HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT OFFENCE NOTICES	9,553	7,701	9,261	20.3

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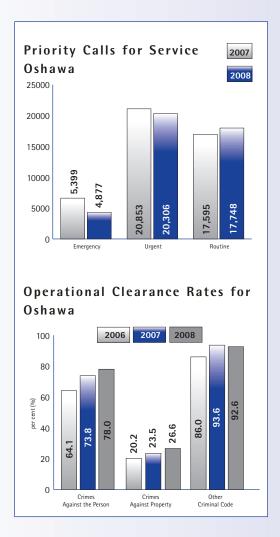
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### 17 Division

The Oshawa Division is the largest in Durham Region in terms of number of police officers and calls for service. The main building is located downtown at 77 Centre St. N. and a Community Policing Centre is located in Oshawa's south end, at 1173 Cedar Street. The Service's main training centre is located at Durham College at 2000 Simcoe Street North. Inspector Dave Wilson led the division in 2008.







for Special Olympics Ontario at an Oshawa restaurant.



Auxiliary Constables help with a traffic calming initiative in Oshawa.

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### **PROJECT BAYFIELD:**

Initiated to combat a growing graffiti problem in central Oshawa. Four males were arrested, believed to be responsible for 90 per cent of the tagging. Thirty cans of spray paint were seized and 55 charges laid.

### **PROJECT CARIBOU:**

Initiated in response to street level robberies. Thirty-eight persons were arrested or identified and 139 charges were laid. A total of 32 criminal incidents were cleared, including nine home invasions.

REPORTED OR KNOWN VIOLATIONS	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007/2008
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS (EXCLUDING TRAFFIC)	12,944	11,832	11,974	1.2
CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON	2,137	2,464	2,153	-12.6
Violations Causing Death	3	2	3	50.0
Attempting the Commission of a Capital Crime	1	2	1	-50.0
Sexual Violations	215	261	197	-24.5
Sexual Assault	163	219	162	-26.0
Luring a Child via Computer	3	2	7	250.0
Other Sexual Violations	49	40	28	-30.0
Assaults	1033	1226	1099	-10.4
Aggravated Assault Level 3	28	35	29	-17.1
Assault with Weapon or Causing Bodily Harm Level 2	176	218	162	-25.7
Assault Level 1	723	873	829	-5.0
Discharge Firearm with Intent	0	2	0	-100.0
Using Firearm/Imitation of Firearm in Commission of Offence	8	10	t	-90.0
Pointing a Firearm	11	10	3	-70.0
Assault against Peace Public Officer	65	62	71	14.5
All Other Assaults	22	16	4	-75.0
Deprivation of Freedom	19	23	18	-21.7
Robbery	194	262	187	-28.6
Harassing Phone Calls	225	213	190	-10.8
Utter Threats to Person	325	371	332	-10.5
Criminal Harassment	113	94	115	22.3
All Other Violent Violations	9	10	- 11	10.0
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	7,638	6,571	7,133	8.6
Arson	21	26	15	-42.3
Break and Enter	1095	846	949	12.2
Motor Vehicle Theft	553	441	453	2.7
Theft Over \$5000	126	89	80	-10.1
Theft Under \$5000	2478	2204	2432	10.3
Shoplifting	564	601	646	7.5
Have Stolen Goods	459	304	358	17.8
Fraud	591	520	672	29.2
Mischief	1751	1540	1528	-0.8
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS	3,169	2,797	2,688	-3.9
Prostitution	71	79	51	-35.4
Gaming and Betting	0	0	8	
Offensive Weapons	180	140	99	-29.3
Possession of Weapons	158	131	88	-32.8
All Other Offensive Weapons	22	9	11	22.2
Bail Violations	908	741	694	-6.3
Production/Distribution of Child Pornography	11	12	9	-25.0
Obstruct Public Peace Officer	114	86	84	-23.0
Breach of Probation	499	427	387	-9.4
All Other Criminal Code	1386	1312	1356	-5.4
Current as at January 29, 2009. Includes all reported or known violatons recorde		1012	1350	5.4

<sup>1</sup> Includes Murder 1st Degree, Murder 2nd Degree, Manslaughter, Infanticide, Crminal Negligence Causing Death, and Other Related Offences Causing Death

COMBINED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT	642	640	713	11.4
Possession	445	463	527	13.8
Trafficking	176	162	164	1.2
Importation and Exportation	5	1	0	-100.0
Production	16	14	22	57.1
Current as at January 30, 2009. Includes all reported or known violatons n	ecorded in the DRPS RMS.			
ROADWAY SAFETY	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007/2008
CRIMINAL CODE DRIVING	457	548	624	13.9
Dangerous Operation	34	36	35	-2.8
Flight from Peace Officer	8	4	7	75.0
Impaired Operation/Related Violations	232	262	236	-9.9
Other Criminal Code Driving Violations	183	246	346	40.7
Street Racing	0	0	0	4
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - PROPERTY DAMAGE	2,154	2,545	2,567	0.9
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - INJURY	449	431	468	8.6
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - FATALITIES (NON-MEDICAL)	2	1	3	200.0
HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT OFFENCE NOTICES	10,017	10,180	10,150	-0.3

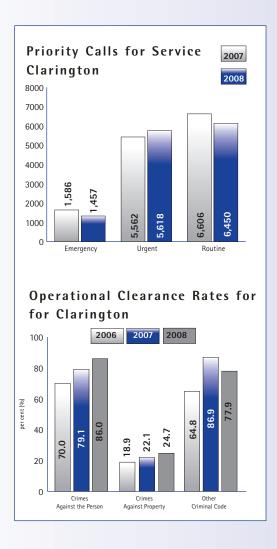
**PROJECT MAGNET:** 

A six-week street-level drug trafficking investigation led by the Drug and Gang Enforcement Units resulted in the seizure of \$40,000 in drugs and over 200 criminal charges against 63 people.



### 16 Division

The Clarington Division is located at 1998 Regional Road 57 at Highway 2 in the Municipality of Clarington. In addition, the DRPS Property Bureau is located at 19 Courtice Court. Inspector Charlie Green led the Clarington office in 2008. Staff Sergeant Karen Moloney of 16 Division did a tremendous job organizing the 2008 Special Olympics Ontario Spring Games.







Racing Against Drugs educated thousands of children in Clarington about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.



Officers from 16 Division attend Highway 401 to salute a fallen soldier returning from Afghanistan.

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### **PROJECT ARROWHEAD:**

Project Arrowhead concentrated on drug use near high schools and resulted in 54 arrests and 29 charges. Of the 54 people arrested, 41 were under the age of 18.

### WEAPONS SEIZED:

Four people were arrested after guns and drugs were seized as part of an investigation involving a downtown Bowmanville apartment. Officers monitored activity at the apartment and stopped two vehicles in the area as part of the investigation. In one vehicle, three persons were arrested and police seized 34 small marihuana plants and 84 Oxycotin pills. In the second vehicle, they arrested a male and seized cash and a quantity of pills. A search warrant was executed at the apartment and police recovered a shotgun, a rifle, a Taser, a pellet pistol, a pellet rifle, ammunition and a quantity of drugs. Total currency seized was \$3,500 and the street value of the various drugs seized is approximately \$42,000.

### **INTERNET LURING:**

A 31-year-old Kitchener area man was charged with luring a Newcastle teenager over the Internet. The male, from New Hamburg, Ontario, met the then 15-year-old female on-line in a chat room in May 2008. After several months of chatting on-line, the conversations became sexual in nature. The female agreed to meet the male for an encounter. The male met the victim in the parking lot of a retail location in Newcastle and drove her to his residence for the weekend. At that time, the victim was 16 years of age and was returned home the next day unharmed.

REPORTED OR KNOWN VIOLATIONS	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007/2008
OTAL CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS (EXCLUDING TRAFFIC)	3,506	3,156	2,886	-8.6
RIMES AGAINST THE PERSON	599	638	577	-9.6
Violations Causing Death <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	-
Attempting the Commission of a Capital Crime	0	0	0	-
Sexual Violations	62	54	56	3.7
Sexual Assault	49	42	42	0.0
Luring a Child via Computer	1	0	0	
Other Sexual Violations	12	12	14	16.7
Assaults	284	309	274	-11.3
Aggravated Assault Level 3	6	6	5	-16.7
Assault with Weapon or Causing Bodily Harm Level 2	45	52	41	-21.2
Assault Level 1	220	233	216	-7.3
Discharge Firearm with Intent	0	1	0	-100.0
Using Firearm/Imitation of Firearm in Commission of Offence	3	t	0	-100.0
Pointing a Firearm	3	1	1	0.0
Assault against Peace Public Officer	4	11	10	-9.1
All Other Assaults	3	4	7	-75.0
Deprivation of Freedom	4	13	14	7.7
Robbery	25	23	25	8.1
Harassing Phone Calls	79	73	77	5.5
Utter Threats to Person	101	111	86	-22.5
Criminal Harassment	41	51	41	-19.6
All Other Violent Violations	3	4	4	0.0
RIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	2,308	2,058	1,935	-6.0
Arson	5	19	14	-26.3
Break and Enter	358	303	293	-3.0
Motor Vehicle Theft	191	143	134	-6.3
Theft Over \$5000	44	45	44	-2.3
Theft Under \$5000	812	703	655	-6.1
Shoplifting	41	60	64	6.7
Have Stolen Goods	97	57	58	1.8
Fraud	185	181	205	13.3
Mischief	575	547	468	-14.4
THER CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS	599	460	374	-18.7
Prostitution	1	1	0	-100.0
Gaming and Betting	0	0	0	-
Offensive Weapons	44	33	32	-3.0
Possession of Weapons	36	30	27	-10.0
All Other Offensive Weapons	8	3	5	66.7
Bail Violations	223	207	158	-23.1
Production/Distribution of Child Pornography	6	4	7	75.0
Obstruct Public Peace Officer	24	27	16	-40.7
Breach of Probation	112	77	59	-23.4

Current as at January 29, 2009. Includes all reported or known violatons recorded in the DRPS RMS.

<sup>1</sup>Includes Murder 1st Degree, Murder 2nd Degree, Manslaughter, Infanticide, Crminal Negligence Causing Death, and Other Related Offences Causing Death

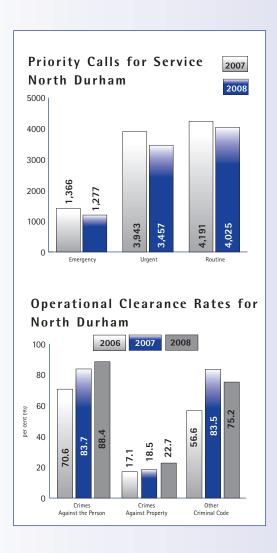
COMBINED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT	216	211	177	-16.1
Possession	156	170	143	-15.9
Trafficking	52	29	19	-34.5
Importation and Exportation	1		1	0.0
Production	7	11	14	27.3
Current as at January 30, 2009. Includes all reported or known violatons r	ecorded in the DRPS RMS			
ROADWAY SAFETY	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007/2008
CRIMINAL CODE DRIVING	213	232	240	3.6
Dangerous Operation	22	19	19	0.0
Flight from Peace Officer	3	3	2	-33.3
Impaired Operation/Related Violations	137	140	104	-25.7
Other Criminal Code Driving Violations	51	70	115	64.3
Street Racing	0	0	0	-
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - PROPERTY DAMAGE	657	770	775	0,6
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - INJURY	147	138	143	3.6
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - FATALITIES (NON-MEDICAL)	6	7	6	-14.3
HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT OFFENCE NOTICES	6,732	6,749	4,908	-27.3

As reported in DRPS TSB Call-Out Sheet



### 15 Division

Staff Inspector Brian Fazackerley led the North Durham Division in 2008. The main location is at 15,765 Hwy 12 north of Manchester, with storefront locations in Beaverton and Uxbridge.







Superintendent Jim Douglass, left, speaks with Brock Township Mayor Larry O'Connor at a Council meeting.



Staff Inspector Brian Fazackerley speaks with citizens at the official opening of the Uxbridge Youth Centre.

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### **PROJECT ZERO TOLERANCE:**

Focused on street-level drug trafficking near North Durham high schools. 10 young people were arrested and \$1,500 in drugs seized. A three-week investigation in North Durham uncovered a \$500,000 marihuana grow operation in an Uxbridge home.

### **YOUTH CENTRE:**

Chief Constable Mike Ewles and Staff Inspector Brian Fazackerley of 15 Division joined local dignitaries for the official opening of a new Youth Centre in downtown Uxbridge in October 2008. The centre, located near the movie theatre at 34 Brock Street West, will also house office space for Durham police officers in the back. The location was serving as a satellite location for the DRPS but flood damage caused the office to close.

#### **DRUG BUST:**

A month-long investigation into drug use around North Durham high schools resulted in 17 arrests and \$240,000 in drugs and property seized.

North Durham Target Team officers assisted by uniform officers in plain clothes concluded a month-long project targeting street level drug trafficking around North Durham high schools and associated areas.

Five additional indoor and outdoor marihuana growing operations were also dismantled with a total of approximately \$146,000 in drugs seized.

REPORTED OR KNOWN VIOLATIONS	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007/2008
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS (EXCLUDING TRAFFIC)	2,363	1,812	1,799	-0.7
CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON	383	361	381	5.5
Violations Causing Death		1	0	-100.0
Attempting the Commission of a Capital Crime	2	0	0	
Sexual Violations	31	48	39	-18.8
Sexual Assault	21	42	30	-28.6
Luring a Child via Computer	1	0	1	-
Other Sexual Violations	9	6	8	33.3
Assaults	212	162	184	13.6
Aggravated Assault Level 3	3	2	5	150.0
Assault with Weapon or Causing Bodily Harm Level 2	41	20	33	65.0
Assault Level 1	148	129	140	8.5
Discharge Firearm with Intent	0	0	0	4
Using Firearm/Imitation of Firearm in Commission of Offence	5	t	t	0.0
Pointing a Firearm	3	3	0	-100.0
Assault against Peace Public Officer	9	4	5	25.0
All Other Assaults	3	3	0	-100.0
Deprivation of Freedom	3	6	6	0.0
Robbery	13	6	6	0.0
Harassing Phone Calls	47	53	55	3.8
Utter Threats to Person	53	63	70	11.1
Criminal Harassment	16	20	16	-20.0
All Other Violent Violations	5	2	5	150.0
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	1,678	1,229	1,204	-2.0
Arson	12	12	5	-58.3
Break and Enter	265	186	167	-10.2
Motor Vehicle Theft	140	107	110	2.8
Theft Over \$5000	31	32	32	0.0
Theft Under \$5000	587	377	434	15.1
Shoplifting	24	21	23	9.5
Have Stolen Goods	49	50	32	-36.0
Fraud	101	82	99	20.7
Mischief	469	362	302	-16.6
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS	302	222	214	-3.6
Prostitution	0	0	ō	-
Gaming and Betting	0	0	0	-
Offensive Weapons	23	15	9	-40.0
Possession of Weapons	19	13	6	-53.9
All Other Offensive Weapons	4	2	3	50.0
Bail Violations	94	80	82	2.5
Production/Distribution of Child Pornography	1	1	3	200.0
Obstruct Public Peace Officer	14	10	7	-30.0
Breach of Probation	48	58	41	-29.3
All Other Criminal Code	122	58	72	24.1

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Includes Murder 1st Degree, Murder 2nd Degree, Manslaughter, Infanticide, Crminal Negligence Causing Death, and Other Related Offences Causing Death

COMBINED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT	97	202	152	-24.8
Possession	62	150	109	-27.3
Trafficking	19	29	19	-34.5
Importation and Exportation	0	0	0	
Production	16	23	24	4.4
Current as at January 30, 2009. Includes all reported or known violatons i	recorded in the DRPS RMS.			
ROADWAY SAFETY	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007/2008
CRIMINAL CODE DRIVING	207	197	232	17,8
Dangerous Operation	32	24	16	-33.3
Flight from Peace Officer	3	3	2	-33.3
Impaired Operation/Related Violations	115	100	108	8.0
Other Criminal Code Driving Violations	57	70	106	51.4
Street Racing	0	0	0	-
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - PROPERTY DAMAGE	747	806	750	-6.9
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - INJURY	182	162	150	-7.4
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - FATALITIES (NON-MEDICAL)	6	9	7	-22.3
HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT OFFENCE NOTICES	6,960	7,932	5,992	-24.8

As reported in DRPS TSB Call-Out Sheet



### Nuclear Security Division

#### 2008 Nuclear Security Division (NSD)

In 2008, NSD began planning the transition process to see the command and control of security services handed over to Ontario Power Generation (OPG) security. The NSD Transition team consists of six members who work collaboratively with the DRPS Steering Committee to ensure that the process timelines remain on track. We began meeting with NSD platoons to explain the timelines of the transition and to answer any questions from the officers. Feedback from the meetings was extremely positive throught the year.

Beginning in 2008 a significant amount of planning and preparation went into the April 30th Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) audited exercise at the Pickering Nuclear Facility. Members of NSD worked together with OPG to devise a number of scenarios that would be used as part of OPG's Performance Testing Program. NSD officers and OPG Nuclear Security Officer's (NSO) took part in the daylong event that put OPG's security program to the test. The CNSC was onsite to observe and evaluate the scenarios. The results were very positive from the CNSC as they felt that the day raised the bar for Performance Testing and now uses the NSD/OPG model as their benchmark. NSD received the Vice President's Commendation for Outstanding Service from OPG's Bob Hagymasy as a result of this audit. The award was given to NSD in "recognition of the exemplary dedication, professionalism and partnership in the joint planning and execution (of the event)". The award also recognized NSD's "outstanding aptitude for planning and tactics in the nuclear environment".







Five members from NSD, in addition to a Sergeant were selected to the CNSC Canadian Adversary Testing Team (C.A.T.T.). These six individuals attended a grueling two-week course in New Mexico. During the course NSD Officers were recognized for their leadership, dedication, weapons skills, proficiency and physical fitness. These officers will now be part of the training and testing of nuclear security programs across the country.

NSD is extremely proud of its exemplary safety record. Members' work diligently during the daily course of their duties to ensure that safety remains paramount. NSD Officers are also required to adhere to all necessary Nuclear Safety regulations while on duty at the Darlington and Pickering Nuclear facilities. NSD Members take part in ongoing training both with DRPS and OPG. NSD members participated in a number of Tactical Competitions throughout 2008 both locally and internationally. Our teams continue to have very successful results with our members displaying both their skill and professionalism.

NSD also prides itself on their community involvement. The unit actively participates in Police Week as well as the Racing Against Drugs initiative. NSD has been invited to participate in OPG community days to highlight the important role that our police service plays in protecting the Region's nuclear facilities.







### YEAR 2008 FINANCIAL RESULTS (unaudited)

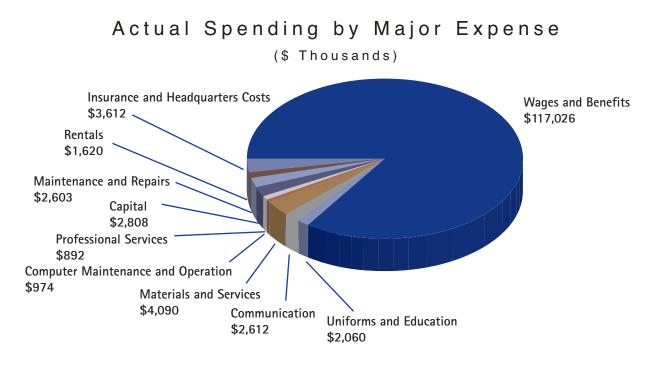
Program	2008 Budget	2008 Actuals	Surplus / Deficit	% of Total Budget
	\$ (thousands)	\$ (thousands)	\$ (thousands)	0/0
Policing Operations	57,175	56,638	537	0.4%
Regional Operations	20,891	21,520	-629	-0.5%
Crime Management	22,847	22,333	-514	0.4%
Administrative Services	27,034	27,326	-292	-0.2%
Executive	6,922	7,365	-443	-0.3%
Police Services Board	455	306	149	0.1%
Capital	2,639	2,808	-169	-0.1%
Total Expenditure Programs	137,963	138,296	-333	-0.3%
Total Revenues	-6,402	-6,983	581	0.4%
Net Program Costs	131,561	131,312	249	0.2%
			2008	
Net Policing Cost per Capita		\$215	611,900 POPULATIO	DN
Net Policing Cost per Household		\$634	207,040 HOUSEHO	LDS

Note: Financial data presented is data supplied from preliminary year-end reports from the Region of Durham unaudited preliminary financial reporting.

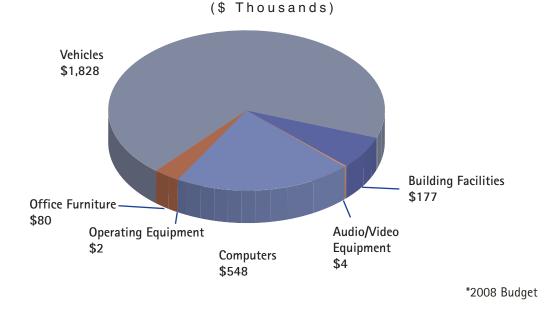


The Financial Services Unit assists in the budget process by working with all units to collect budget information that they then review and consolidate for the entire Service. The consolidated budgets undergo extensive review by the Leadership Group and the Police Services Board and once approved are submitted to the Region of Durham for further review by the Finance and Administration Committee and Regional Council.

Financial Services also provides a focal point for the purchase and payment processes for goods and services approved by budget. Regular review of financial results, reporting to the Police Services Board on financial matters, and a forecast of costs and expenditures are provided by the Financial Services Unit.



Capital Distribution by Major Category\*





### Recognition and Appreciation

Every year, long-serving members are recognized for their dedication and commitment to public safety by the Police Services Board.

### Receiving the Canadian Police Exemplary Medal for 20 Years of Service were police officers:

Cynthia Bradley Patrick Burke Clinton Cole Gregory Collins David Emmorey John Givelas James Griepsma Sherri Hughes Thomas Irving Nigel Lawrence Vincent Lefaive Leon Lynch Brett McCagherty Alan McDonald Jeffrey Moore Charles Nash Mark Price Alistair Renshaw Robert Roche Todd Rollauer David Saliba James Stephenson Nancy Van Rooy Linda Warren

### Receiving the Canadian Police Exemplary Bar for 30 Years of Service were police officers:

Glen Bonathan Doug Cavanaugh Keith Kritzer Alan Mack David McFarlane Gordon McKechnie Charles Mercier Paul Mooy Paul Nadeau Stanley Pinkney David Robinson Patrick Sayer John Tunney John Vandenburg Bob Walker Richard Walsh

# Receiving 20 Year Recognition Civilian Awards were:

Laurie Arnott Patricia Bonathan Cindy Bowen Morgen Dobson Graziella Hutchinson Carole Trimm Marianne Woodhouse Recognized for 20 Years of Auxilary Service: Greg Donawa Bob Kotsopoulos



A celebration of 20 and 30 years of service to the community and the DRPS.

#### Retirements

The Durham Regional Police Service bid a fond farewell to many long-serving members in 2008 who devoted their careers to public safety. Their efforts will always be remembered and appreciated:

Inspector Bill Temple Constable Pieter Vanderdium Sergeant Steve Powell Constable Joe Mitschang Inspector Dietmar Schoenrock Detective Jack Haze Staff Sergeant John Gilker Detective Sergeant Shane Wasmund Constable Mike Swaga Sergeant Paul Mooy Detective Constable Dave Robertson Sergeant Jack Schoon Constable Les Nagy Constable Frank Hammond Sergeant John Vandenburg Staff Sergeant Pat Sayer Constable Tom Bell Constable Mark McConkey Sergeant John Standeven Constable Jerry Trimm Sergeant Dave Flynn Sergeant Tom Whiteway Sergeant John Vanseters



### Civilian Recognition

Every year, hard-working civilian employees are recognized for achieving milestones in continuous years of service. In October 2008, the following civilian employees were recognized for long service:

#### **15 Year Pin** Marija Kirton

### 10 Year Pin

Mary Beeton Glen Cain Arlene Dingwall Lynn McLean Chantelle Tinline

### 5 Year Pin

Katie Bassett Denise Bennett Troy Brittain Kristy Brodie Vicki Cleveland Scott Daniels Teri Davies Heidi Gilker Jo-Anne Harvey Deborah Kikic Giles le Riche Lynne Loscombe Angie MacPherson Clinton Mason Jonathan Retchford Sharon Robinson Kerry Sargent-Berentschot Pauline Stone Andre Tanguay Brenda Tilley Karen Timmins Andrew Van Essen Alisha Van Volkenburg Robert Wallington Jennea Weiner Kelly Westlake

Durham Regional Police 911 call-takers were honoured June 23 at the annual Lightning Bolt Awards at Deer Creek Golf and Banquet Facility in Ajax for their part in saving the lives of heart attack victims.

Organized by the Central East Pre-Hospital Care Program at Lakeridge Health, the awards were presented to police, fire, and ambulance (EMS) personnel in the region who helped save the lives of victims of cardiac arrest during the past year. Many cardiac survivors were at the ceremony to thank their rescuers in person.

Recipients of the award include 911 call-takers Colin Charles, Janice Stokes, Karelyn Leclair, Amy Wilson, Meghan Buckley, Cindy O'Connell-Gray, Michael Hyde, Cindy Young, Shawn Muir, Tracey Thompson, Tami Hartford, Paula Mayers, Pauline McKnight, Cheryl Nash, Robyn White, Karen Lenihan, Suzanne Nelson, Kim Hook, Rhonda Woolley, Kate Mintz and Valerie Burns.



Civilian members recognized with 5, 10 and 15 year pins in 2008.



### Community Recognition

#### 6th Annual Police Appreciation Night

Members of the Durham Regional Police were singled out Oct. 23rd for their heroism, quick thinking and bravery at the prestigious 6th Annual Police Appreciation Dinner and Awards Night (PADAN).

Organizing co-chairs Moe Pringle and Blair McArthur thanked every member of the police service for making a difference in the community.

This year, awards were presented to:

- \* Constable Josh Conner for successfully removing two very active and potentially dangerous offenders from the streets.
- \* Nuclear Security Division whose daily performance ensures the safety of our community.
- \* Constable Ron Crouch who helped stop the financial and emotional abuse of an elderly couple.
- Projects Lynx and Merlin which resulted in the arrest of numerous suspects and the seizure of millions of dollars in drugs and assets, making our community a safer place.
- \* Constable Andrew Tummonds for saving the life of a suicidal female, suffering from post-partum depression.
- Constable Bradley Browne for rescuing 20 people from a burning rooming house.

\* Sergeant Tom Hart who was recognized for 25 years of outstanding dedication to the Big Brothers and Sisters organization. His award was presented by his former Little Brother, now a Detective Constable with DRPS.

Congratulations and thank you to all the recipients for truly making a difference in our community.

One highlight of the night was a speech from 10-year-old Nicholas McLaughlin, our Police Chief for a Day, who impressed the crowd when he presented his essay about what it would be like to be a police officer.





Top: PADAN Co-Chairs Blair McArthur, left and Moe Pringle, right, present master of ceremony Ken Shaw with a cheque in support of the new Abilities Centre, a project he is leading in Whitby.

Left: Detective Sergeant Mario Lessard and Inspector Brian Osborne (centre) accept the PADAN award on behalf of Project Lynx and Merlin teams.

#### Police Officer of the Year

Two DRP officers were honoured as our Police Association hosted the 2008 Retirement Dinner and Lion's Club Police Officer of the Year and Terry Ryan Awards Presentation in Oshawa.

The Lion's Club Police Officer of the Year was awarded to Detective Larry Nobbs for his work with the 18 Division



(Whitby) Criminal Investigation Bureau and for his dedication to serving the community. Constable William White of 19 Division



(Ajax/Pickering) was also honoured as the Terry Ryan Memorial Scholarship Rookie of the Year. His dedication to youth in the community made him a standout in the committee's eyes.

#### Recognition from Multicultural Community

Chief Constable Mike Ewles proudly accepted a certificate of appreciation from the Durham Region Multifaith World Religion Day Celebration Committee for the Service's support of the recent World Religion Day.

Donald Igbokwe, Ron King and Shashi Bhatia presented Chief Constable Ewles with the certificate at Regional Headquarters. The DRPS was one of many community agencies and groups who came together to celebrate World Religion Day on January 20th, 2008 at the Devi Mandir Temple auditorium in Pickering.

#### M.A.D.D. Award

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) Durham hosted its 9th Annual Awards Night in Whitby in April 2009 honouring police officers, volunteers, the media and community heroes. M.A.D.D. Durham works to stop impaired driving in our region and to support the victims of this violent crime.

Durham Regional Police member Constable William White was named M.A.D.D. Officer of the Year. Also nominated for dedicated work in the area of impaired driving were the Durham Regional Police R.I.D.E. Festival



Team, Constable Jay Shaddick, Constable Gord Black, Constable Jamie Pogson and O.P.P. Constable Dominic Wong.

Constable White was recognized for continually striving to reduce impaired driving in Durham Region, frequently volunteering for impaired driving calls and making impaired driving a year round initiative. He also created a letter which thanks members of the public for taking time out of their busy lives to call in and report an impaired driving offence to the police. Constable White was also a member of the 2008-2009 Festive R.I.D.E. Team.

Deputy Sherry Whiteway says DRPS is committed to having the safest roads in Durham Region, but we can't do it alone. It takes community members and organizations like M.A.D.D. to make a difference. She says impaired driving is a deliberate decision and when alcohol is mixed with driving, a cocktail of disaster is created.

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