

Halton Regional Police Service

2013 Annual Report



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The Halton Regional Police Service has

One Vision:

To be the leader in community safety and policing excellence.

The Halton Regional Police Service has

One Mission:

To provide effective and efficient community-based policing.

Together with our community, our partners and our employees, we are exemplifying

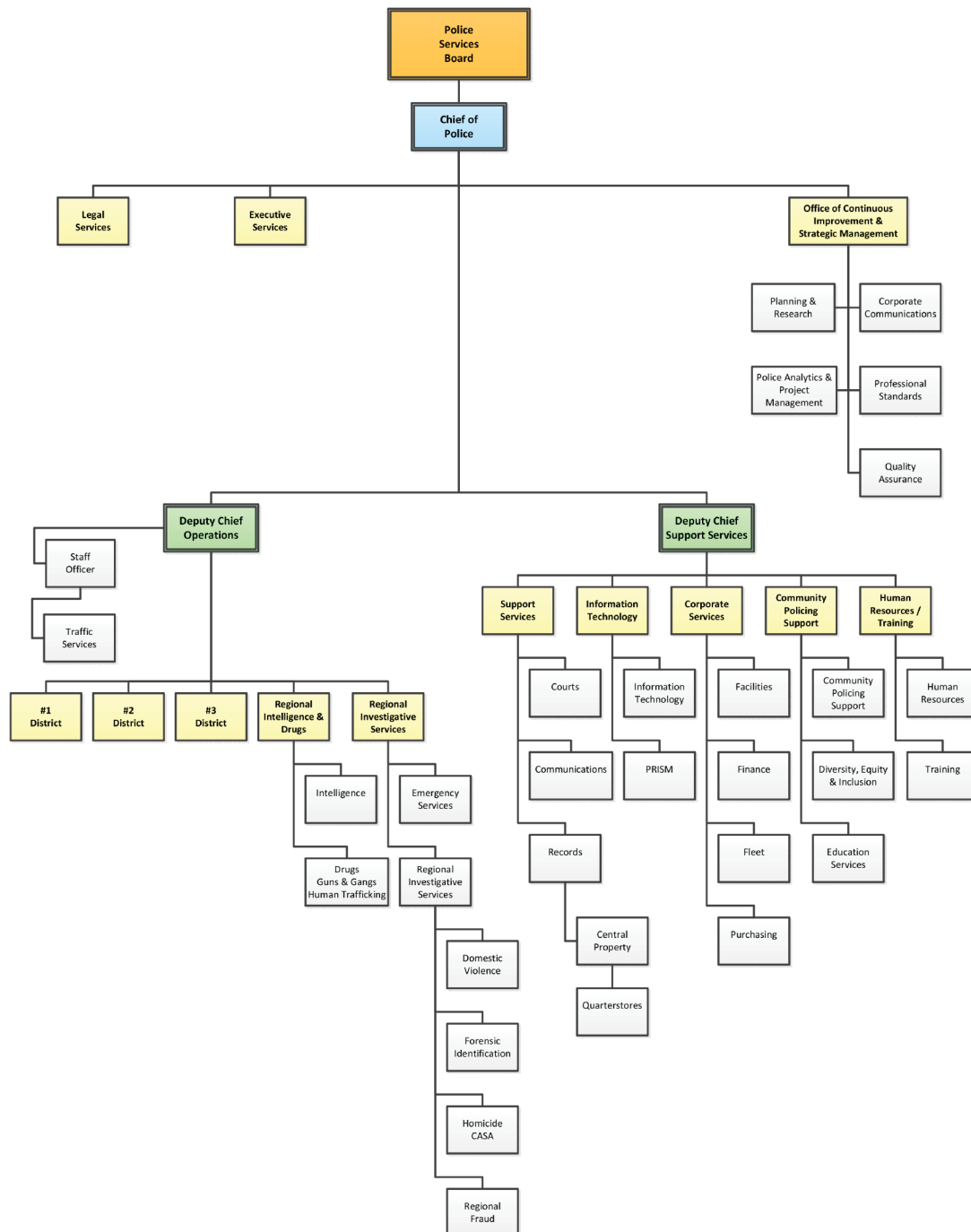
One Team:

Progress Through Participation



Halton Regional Police Service Organization Chart

HRPS At a Glance (2014)



Message from the Chairman



On behalf of the Halton Regional Police Services Board it is my pleasure to introduce you to the Police Service's 2013 Annual Report.

On behalf of the citizens of Halton, it is my honour to recognize and thank Mr. Robert (Bob) Maich for the significant

contribution he made to Halton's Police Services Board. Bob served on the Police Services Board from September 2005 to December 31, 2013. He was selected as Chair continuously from 2007 to 2013. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards.

The Police Services Board congratulates Chief Tanner, the senior management and members of the Police Service for their continued commitment to the protection of our citizens. This commitment resulted once again, in Halton's crime rate achieving another historic

low. Coupled with this decrease, the clearance rate of crime saw a significant improvement over prior years. I encourage you to take the time to review this Report in detail to gain a better appreciation of the initiatives and achievements of the Service on a day-to-day basis.

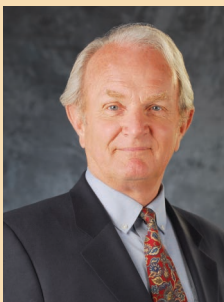
The achievement of the successes outlined in this report could not have been possible without the cooperation of our many community partners, volunteers, stakeholders and citizens of this Region.

As the Region grows, the Board works hard to balance the needs of adequate policing to meet the mandate of the legislation while controlling the cost to our taxpayers. With the leadership of Chief Tanner and the cooperation from the Region of Halton, the Service continues to deliver excellent community policing initiatives which are the cornerstone for ensuring our community remains a safe place to live and work.

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Rob Burton
Chairman

2013 Police Services Board Members



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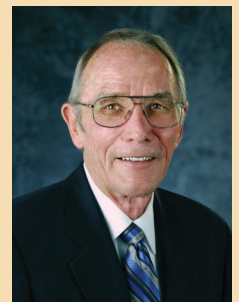
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Message from the Chief



I am pleased to present the 39th Annual Report for the Halton Regional Police Service. The year 2013 was another busy one for the Service and I am thankful for the opportunity to formally recognize and celebrate our accomplishments, which could not be possible without the assistance of

the Halton community and our community partners.

In today's economic climate, there is an increased scrutiny on the financial impact of all public services, as there should be, and police are no different.

We should and do answer to local police services boards and councils and we as police leaders are held accountable for our budgets.

What is at times lost in some of the debate and media coverage of budget approvals and political processes are the key roles that are played by police services. Ultimately, we exist to ensure the safety and security of all citizens and we go about our business within a complex and multidimensional organization of just over 1,000 full- and part-time employees here at the Halton Regional Police Service.

Most would not know the HRPS responded to 144,575 calls for service in 2013 (up 5.3 per cent from 2012), and perhaps would not turn their thoughts to the ever-changing landscape within Halton Region as we experience unprecedented growth - particularly in the Town of Milton - and as we become increasingly diverse in our population, a fact that further enhances and enriches our region. Concurrent with this growth, in 2013 we also recorded the lowest crime rate in our 40 year history (since amalgamation in 1974).

It is also important to know that only about 25 per cent of a police officer's time is consumed by crime-related occurrences. Mental health, drug and alcohol and other issues are becoming increasingly time consuming and resource intensive. This underscores the need for us to adapt our crime prevention policing model to one that includes increased collaboration with our community partners. This will position us to recognize potential risks in the community and put measures in place to possibly prevent an escalation to crime or community unrest.

We are very fortunate to live, work and play in one of the safest large municipal regions in all of Canada as is illustrated yearly in Stats Canada reviews of crime rates and the Crime Severity Index. But we in policing cannot accept those measures as success when we still have thousands of crimes and victims.

Moving forward, we will continue to work together as a united group comprising sworn and civilian members, volunteers, elected officials, community partners, fellow emergency services agencies, the media and the public at large to ensure Halton is even safer tomorrow than it is today. This is our core philosophy: *One Vision, One Mission, One Team*.

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S.J. Tanner
Chief of Police



Halton Regional Police Service 2013 Year in Review

The Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) *2013 Annual Report* provides a review of the Service's departmental goals, key programs and initiatives and statistical measures of performance, as compared with the Service's *2011 – 2013 Corporate Business Plan*.

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Corporate Business Plan



2011 – 2013



That Plan outlined four distinct themes: *Community Safety; Communication and Dialogue; Organizational Capacity; and Organizational Excellence* and 19 associated goals, that guided the Service's provision of effective and efficient policing to the citizens of Halton Region.

In 2012, the Service adopted a new approach to employee performance management by linking the performance expectations of all staff directly to the themes and goals within the *Corporate Business Plan*. The Service implemented a process for all staff to have a direct relationship to the Plan by developing a number of performance goals that connect up through the organization. Personal goals were linked to departmental goals and subsequently to the goals contained within the Plan.

Operational Highlights for 2013

The HRPS **strengthened organizational capacity** in 2013 by undertaking various human resources processes. The Service received 1,504 applications for uniform officer positions and 32 candidates were successful or are currently in the final stages of the hiring process. The Service also received 319

applications for police cadets with 6 candidates successfully hired. In addition, there were 2,641 civilian applications received and 19 candidates were hired on a full or part time basis. Total staffing efforts resulted in an increase to the number of employees from 926 to 949.



The service completed the release of **new mobile computers and mobile network services** to patrol vehicles. These new enhancements enable officers to quickly and reliably access information and technical services in a way previously not possible, thus allowing quicker and more thorough responses to public needs.

The Service's 9-1-1 Communications Bureau maintained an average answer time of less than six seconds for 9-1-1 calls and saw **144,575 calls for service in 2013**.

To better meet the needs of the community, Forensic Identification Services instituted a **new online booking program** for security clearance fingerprinting. This new program allows greater service and flexibility to the community by allowing the customer to go online and select an available date and time for security clearance fingerprinting that is convenient for them.



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In partnership with Information Services, the Planning and Research Bureau participated in the implementation of a **new Business Intelligence System**.



This new system facilitates the “mining” of data that was previously difficult to obtain using the Computer Aided Dispatch system. This new system provides more powerful views into the operations of the Service to better inform decisions regarding deployment, staffing and service levels.

The Domestic Violence Investigative Unit (DVIU) developed and continues to pilot an **Early Intervention program** whereby addresses and individuals with repeat occurrences that do not meet the judicial threshold for charges are flagged and reviewed. The DVIU also joined in partnership with Halton Women’s Place to present workshops to local High Schools on the topic of Dating Violence which included segments on Healthy Relationships and Domestic Violence.

Information Services implemented a **new electronic fingerprint system in Milton**. Building on the platform already in use at Headquarters, this system uses real-time scanning and filing of fingerprints. It provides a higher level of service to the public by dramatically reducing processing time, which allows the Identification Unit to process more requests for this service.

The Service continues to be one of the leaders in

police application of **Unmanned Aerial Vehicles**, more commonly known as UAV’s or Drones. During 2013, the Service expanded its use of the UAV to include: photographing and measuring of crime scenes; motor vehicle accident scenes; missing person investigations; and Tactical Rescue missions. The UAV program has been featured at the International Association of Identification Annual Conference, on Global Television and the Discovery Channel. The program also received the Excellence in Police Aviation award at the 2013 International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference.



Community Policing Elementary School Liaison Officers (ELSOs) successfully delivered the first year of their new, made in Halton, **Building Respect, Attitudes and Values with Others (B.R.A.V.O.) program** to Grade 6 students across the region.



The B.R.A.V.O. program was created in partnership with the Halton District School Board, the Halton Catholic District School Board and Halton Independent Schools. It builds on topics presented in the D.A.R.E. program but features new areas of study including:

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bullying; cyber bullying; internet safety; social media; and youth and the law. A follow-up program, B.R.A.V.O. Encore, will be delivered to Grade 7 and 8 students which will reinforce the curriculum taught in B.R.A.V.O. as well as other important topics, as determined by the Service's High School Liaison Officers (HLSOs).



In November, the HRPS added a new tool to the www.haltonpolice.ca website to help identify persons of interest and/or suspects that are wanted. The **"Caught on Tape"** section of the site profiles select video footage and still images of persons of interest or suspects wanted in connection with certain investigations.

The public can view the files and submit leads to police investigators or use CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) to ensure complete anonymity. This new tool can help solve crimes in Halton, which will lead to improved clearance rates for the Service.

In fall of 2013, HRPS Corporate Communications and Community Policing teamed up to research, develop and launch an **award-winning public awareness campaign** to address an upward trend in certain property crimes in the Region. The campaign incorporated a Zombie theme and included a series of posters that were distributed throughout the Region and a two-minute video that was widely distributed on social media, posted on YouTube and shown in local movie theatres. The campaign garnered significant media and social media attention, won multiple awards and was very well received by the public. Although it's not possible to say the campaign contributed to a significant reduction in crimes committed, it is possible that greater public awareness may have prevented or deterred some crimes.



"Pam noticed something unusual in Joe and Sue's backyard..."

**Don't be a zombie to crime prevention.
Know your neighbours.**

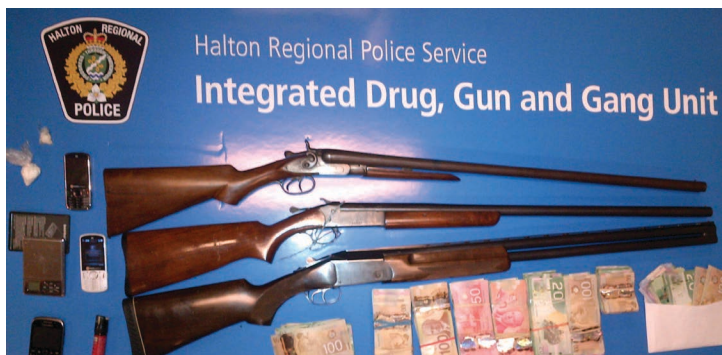
A Crime Prevention Week message brought to you by:
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To maximize enforcement resources in the fight against drug, vice, and firearm matters in the Region, the Service merged the Guns and Gangs Unit and the Drugs Unit into the **new Integrated Drugs, Guns and Gangs Unit (IDGGU)** and increased the team by 33%. The IDGGU achieved a significant increase in drug-related investigations, with 188 drug related search warrants issued in 2013 compared to 82 in 2012. These investigations seized over 5,100 marihuana plants from grow-ops, over 22 kilograms of cocaine, almost 600 grams of heroin and 12 firearms.



The **Tactical and Rescue Unit (TRU)** developed partnerships in 2013 with the Department of National Defense and the RCMP to utilize their training facilities for annual requalification as mandated by Adequacy Standards. The TRU team also provided tactical support in several high profile multi-jurisdictional projects involving organized crime groups.

Crime Stoppers Halton celebrated their 25th anniversary in Burlington in November 2013. Since its inception in Halton, Crime Stoppers has helped with over 1,000 arrests, the seizure of 80 weapons and the recovery of \$20,000,000 worth of property and illicit drugs.

Community Policing **strengthened relationships** with the Halton District and Halton Catholic District School Boards when High School and Elementary School Liaison Officers along with both school boards conducted 32 lockdown or Immediate Rapid Deployment (IRD) drills at 32 area high schools and 33 lockdown drills in elementary schools.

The Service **expanded its social media presence** in 2013 by expanding the number of Twitter accounts to include one for each District and one for Chief Tanner. People can now follow [@HaltonPolice](#), [@ChiefTanner](#), [@HRPSOak](#), [@HRPSBurl](#) or [@HRPSMiltHH](#) on Twitter for the latest police-related news and regional information and to find out more about policing services in Halton.



Join the Conversation

Follow your District for the latest news and events in your community.

Milton and Halton Hills: [@HRPSMiltHH](#)
Oakville: [@HRPSOak](#)
Burlington: [@HRPSBurl](#)

Progress Through Participation

To promote the use of this evolving communication tool, the HRPS created an in-house Twitter manual and embarked on training of its front line officers. In 2013, the [@HaltonPolice](#) account reached 10,000 followers and gained the respect of the public and the policing community. The public are reminded that social media is NOT monitored 24-7 and is not intended as a means of reporting crime or requesting emergency police response.



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Major Projects

The following projects were undertaken by HRPS, at the Regional or District level, during 2013 which involved targeted enforcement directed at specific criminal activity or safety issues in the community.

Nightwatch: In response to the 2012 community survey results, Oakville officers increased their presence, both uniformed and plain clothed, in public parks at night to target the consumption of drugs and alcohol and related crimes.

Five-O: During a one week period in February, officers in Oakville issued 235 tickets for speeding and stop sign infractions. All of the tickets were issued on residential streets with a posted speed limit of 50 km/hr. An additional 27 charges were laid for a variety of offences including driving while using a hand held communication device and driving a motor vehicle without a license.

Scorch: Four people were arrested following a two-month joint investigation between the HRPS and Toronto Police Service after \$1.1 million was stolen from 130 ATM machines in Ontario and Quebec.

Safe Start: The eighth annual Safe Start project, targeting unsafe driving around school zones across the Region, wrapped up in September with 1,900 charges laid for: Speeding (1,152); Seatbelts (142); Stop Signs (158); and Other (456).

Hopper: This street level enforcement initiative in Oakville was aimed at reducing thefts from automobiles, and associated peripheral crimes such as drug use and the sale of stolen property. The

results included: 22 arrests for a variety of criminal offences; 35 criminal charges laid; 125 Provincial Offence Notices issued and the recovery of several articles of stolen property.

Alcohol Management Program Eliminating Disorder (AMPED): 2 District worked continuously through June to identify licensed establishments in contravention of the Liquor License Act.

Toyota Theft: In November, One District Criminal Investigations Bureau partnered with local dealerships and Toyota Canada to address the rise in Toyota vehicles thefts. Post cards with prevention messages were delivered to 3,000 Milton residents.

Disconnect: Between April 29th and May 2nd Burlington District Response Unit turned their focus towards Distracted Drivers. During this four day period, officers issued 330 Provincial Offences Notices.

Barney: This investigation, in partnership with the Motion Picture Association Canada uncovered the largest illegal DVD production ring in Canadian history. The project involved a four month investigation during which five search warrants were executed and a large array of DVD burners, computer equipment, and storage devices were recovered.

FARMS (Farmers And Road users Moving Safely): Between September 23rd and October 4th, officers with the Commercial Vehicle Unit laid a total of 20 charges in direct relation to motor vehicles moving with and around farm equipment while in transit on public roadways.



Halton Regional Police Service Volunteering in Our Community



Chief Tanner and the Tactical and Rescue Unit (TRU) presenting a cheque to Autism Ontario as part of an annual fundraising event.

Members of the HRPS are committed to the Service's motto of **Progress Through Participation**. Our membership, civilian and sworn, demonstrate this commitment daily by engaging with their communities, both during and outside of work. This commitment captures the spirit of Sir Robert Peel's fundamental principle on which modern day policing is built that "The police are the public and the public are the police". Each year HRPS members commit thousands

of hours of their own time to a wide range of volunteer activities.

In 2013 the main charities that were supported and some noteworthy projects include the following:

- **Toys for Tots:** In 2013, civilian and uniform members of the HRPS graciously contributed their own time and personal funds to assist in the annual Toys for Tots campaign. During the campaign members helped collect over \$50,000 in cash and toys at Canadian Tire stores and HRPS stations. They also held a "Gift Card Challenge" through individual platoon fundraisers and units which raised over \$3000. The 2013 campaign experienced a record breaking year, raising over \$330,000 in cash and toys for over 3,900 families in the Region.
- **Law Enforcement Torch Relay for Special Olympics:** On June 6, the HRPS again hosted this annual event for Special Olympics. Approximately \$10,000 was raised and over 60 employees participated.
- **Autism Ontario - Halton Chapter:** In November, the HRPS Tactical and Rescue Unit, in partnership with the Halton Regional Police Association, held a fundraiser that raised over \$18,000 for Autism, Ontario.

Other examples of HRPS community involvement:

- Special Friends Day
- Victim Services
- Participating in faith/church-based groups
- Board memberships
- Safe Haven
- Community Road Watch
- Tim Horton's Camp Day
- McHappy Day
- Assisting at seniors homes, hospitals, local schools, food banks, kids camps, universities and animal rescue efforts
- Volunteer firefighting
- Providing peer support
- Assisting community foundations
- Coaching children and adults



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2013 Media Coverage Summary

Media coverage about the Service increased in 2013 by 4.5% over 2012, with a total of 2,756 print or online articles about the HRPS. The Service continued to foster positive relationships with the media. This section highlights examples of events that received significant media attention in 2013.



Facebook Threat Leads to Arrest

On January 14th, the officers arrested a youth who had posted a picture of himself on Facebook holding a high-powered rifle with a caption uttering a threat towards another male. An investigation by the Burlington Criminal Investigation Bureau resulted in the seizure of two shotguns, shotgun ammunition and a rifle. The youth was charged with Utter Death Threat, Use Firearm in Commission of an Offence and Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm.

Charges Laid in Orphanage Investment Scheme

In January the Fraud Unit investigated an investment scheme using false companies and documents to lure investors who thought they were funding orphanages in Africa. A former Oakville resident was

arrested and charged with three counts of Fraud and six counts of Possessing Forged Documents. This case is still before the courts.

Halton Police Cautioning Residents

In January a surge in fraud occurrences prompted the HRPS to once again caution the public about responding to offers, emails or scams. The frauds involved seniors and included attempts to gain access to files, personal banking records and passwords. Information and Tips were given out to educate the public on how they could protect themselves.

Mother and Son Arrested Following a Break-in

On February 20th, officers responded to a break and enter to a Burlington residence. The investigation and execution of a search warrant led to the recovery of several stolen items, including items of jewellery. A Burlington woman and her son were charged and convicted with Break, Enter and Theft.

Senior Victimized in Despicable Scheme

On February 26th, an 88 year-old Georgetown woman was persuaded to withdraw \$4,400 from her bank account under the pretense that she was helping the bank with an internal investigation. HRPS released a description of the suspect and reminded residents that bank employees would never contact clients in this manner or seek their participation in an investigation.



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Citizen Helps to End Break and Enter Spree

On March 18th, an alert Milton citizen provided HRPS with detailed information on a suspicious vehicle and its occupants seen driving up and down and attending homes on Coulter Way. Police responded and a vehicle matching the description provided was stopped and three occupants inside the vehicle were arrested without incident. A significant amount of stolen property was recovered, including electronics and numerous pieces of jewellery. Subsequent investigation revealed that the individuals were responsible for three residential break-ins in the area.

Five Arrested in Burlington Bank Break-In

In the early morning hours of March 18th, officers were dispatched to an alarm call at the TD Canada Trust financial institution on Fairview Street in Burlington. Responding officers found five males hiding within proximity of the scene. Evidence found at the scene included sophisticated tools that were used to gain entry. Three of the arrested have now been convicted. The other two are still before the courts.

Drugs and Firearm Seizures

In April, members of the Strategic Support Team made the headlines twice when they completed a large drug seizure in Burlington and later made drug arrests that led to the seizure of a firearm in Oakville. In total, officers seized various drugs including cocaine, oxycodone tablets, methamphetamine, heroin and hashish. They also seized four firearms. Five people were charged with various offences including, Trafficking a Controlled Substance and Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Cannabis Lab Located in Oakville Apartment

On April 15th, members of the Integrated Drug, Gun and Gang Unit executed a search warrant at an apartment on Queen Mary Drive in Oakville. Upon entry officers located a chemical precursor used to produce cannabis resin (hash oil), approximately 41 grams of cannabis resin, cash and a debt list. Two males were charged with six offences including Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking. The chemical precursors were removed as evidence and to ensure the safety of all occupants in the building.



Murder Charge Laid in Historical Case

In April, the Homicide Unit solved a 1976 murder case in which a Burlington man was stabbed to death in his apartment. Officers became aware of new information in December 2012 and the subsequent investigation led to the arrest of a 66 year-old man living in Banff, Alberta.

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Officer Recognized for Efforts in Race Relations



In April, Constable Hardial Singh was recognized by the Human Rights and Race Relations Centre in Toronto for countless volunteer hours spent with members of the Sikh community in Burlington.

Arrest made in \$11 Million Investment Fraud

In April, the Regional Fraud Unit concluded a 12-month investigation into an \$11 million investment fraud. A former Oakville man was charged with Fraud Over \$5,000, Possession of Proceeds of Crime, Perjury and Obstruct Justice.

Distracted Driving Campaign

During the week of April 15-19th, the HRPS conducted the enforcement phase of a distracted driving campaign. During the week officers issued 835 distracted driving-related Provincial Offences Notices.

Charges Laid In Early Morning Entries

In the early morning hours of May 3rd, an officer on patrol in Oakville came across individuals who, unbeknownst to the officer at the time, were in the middle of a breaking and entering spree to commercial premises. An interaction took place during which the suspects drove their vehicle, a car previously stolen from Oakville, towards the officer. A Mississauga man was arrested at the scene and charged with numerous charges including Breaking and Entering and Theft.

Hamilton Senior Faces Fraud Charges

On May 9, a former employee of Royal Botanical Gardens was arrested for a series of fraudulent transactions totaling over \$350,000.00 committed during her tenure. A Hamilton woman was charged with three counts of Fraud Over \$5,000. She has since pleaded guilty and was convicted.

Arrest Made in Assault of Acton Senior

In late May, the One District Criminal Investigations Bureau, investigated and arrested a man who was seen on surveillance video pushing a 78-year-old man to the ground. Officers credited the successful outcome of this case to the media interest and several tips they received from the public.

Theft Attempt Foiled by Alert Citizen

On June 7th, at 12:53 a.m., officers responded to a suspicious vehicle call in Milton. Upon police arrival a man fled the scene, leaving behind a pick-up truck and trailer loaded with large bundles of insulation. The insulation was found to be stolen and the Toronto man was charged with Breaking and Entering, Theft and Possession of break-In instrument.

Georgetown Drug Trafficker Arrested

On June 12th, members of the One District Strategic Support Team concluded an investigation into an alleged marijuana trafficker in Georgetown. The alleged trafficker was observed meeting numerous individuals in Georgetown for suspected drug transactions. The investigation led to the execution of a search warrant and the seizure of various drugs and approximately \$15,000 in cash. Charges were laid against two Georgetown men.

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Arrests Made in Rural Entries

On June 5th, officers charged two Hamilton men with a multitude of criminal charges following a spree of break-ins to rural residential Burlington and Milton homes. A large quantity of stolen property, including jewelry and small electronics was recovered. The charges included 12 counts of Breaking and Entering.

Halton Police Arrest Local Drug Traffickers

On June 26th, members of the Integrated Drug, Gun and Gang Unit, assisted by officers from other units of the Service and other police organizations, executed raids throughout Hamilton and Burlington. The raids were the result of a five month long investigation of drug trafficking, which involved the trafficking of cocaine, marihuana and prescription medication. In total, 'Project Rounder' involved the collaboration of numerous police agencies, the execution of 13 search warrants and the arrest of 12 involved persons who faced a total of 41 charges.

Death of Child in Milton

On June 26th, the Homicide Unit responded to the tragic death of a 2-year old Milton boy who had been left unattended for a significant portion of the day in a family member's vehicle. The investigation revealed that the death was attributed to the toddler being exposed for an extended period of time to high temperatures inside the vehicle. The maternal grandmother was charged and convicted with Failing to Provide the Necessaries of Life.

"Scareware" Computer Scam Alert

In July the HRPD cautioned the public that scammers were using the names of the RCMP, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and the

Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) in a computer scam. The scareware imitated an official notice from police, informing the user of supposed inappropriate computer usage and demanding \$100 to unlock the computer.

Arrest Made in Bank Robbery

On July 27th, officers quickly matched the description given of a vehicle fleeing the scene of a bank robbery to a vehicle involved in a collision close by. Investigation at the scene led to the recovery of a toy handgun and the money stolen from the bank. Two Mississauga men were arrested at the scene and charged with Robbery and other related offences. The accused remain in custody.

Stolen Firearms and Ammunition Recovered

On August 6, officers in Milton responded to a report of suspicious males. On arrival, they found an abandoned truck that had been reported as stolen and then used in a residential break and enter in Georgetown where several firearms and ammunition were taken. An investigation commenced and two suspects were identified and arrested by the District Criminal Investigations Bureau and the Integrated Drugs Guns and Gangs Unit. The firearms, ammunition and a portion of the stolen property was recovered. Numerous charges were laid.

Cocaine, Firearms and Cash

On August 13, members of the Integrated Drug, Gun and Gang Unit executed three search warrants at various locations in Oakville. Officers seized approximately 25 grams of cocaine, three firearms, \$50,000 cash and digital scales. Two Oakville residents were arrested and charged.

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Arrest for Human Trafficking in Burlington

On September 27th, officers responded to an assault call at a motel in Burlington. They found a female victim who reported that she had been forced to provide sexual services (prostitution) for financial benefit. A Toronto resident was charged with several offences including Assault, Procuring to Become a Prostitute and Human Trafficking.

Trucks Taken Out of Service During Inspection

In October, the Commercial Motor Vehicle Unit, in partnership with 7 other police agencies, the Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of the Environment and the Halton Region Health Department held a two-day commercial motor vehicle inspection and enforcement blitz on October 16th and 17th. A total of 403 trucks were inspected and 157 were taken out of service.



\$105,000 cash seized during drug raid

On November 21th, members of the Integrated Drug, Gun & Gang Unit executed 2 search warrants in Burlington. Officers seized 103 grams of cocaine, \$105,000 cash, 500 OxyContin tablets, 2 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 7 grams of marihuana,

and powder MDMA (ecstasy). A 33-year old male was charged with numerous offences.

Toronto Trio Facing Break and Enter Charges

In November, the Milton Criminal Investigations Bureau identified and investigated a pattern of residential break-ins to homes in Milton. The investigation expanded to include break-ins to other homes in Burlington, Oakville, Milton and other jurisdictions dating back to August 2011. Three suspects were arrested after committing a break-in to a residence in another jurisdiction which linked to the occurrences in Halton. In total, 3 Toronto males were charged with 35 counts of Breaking and Entering and Theft.

Halton Massage Parlours Investigated

On December 11th, the Human Trafficking and Vice Unit, along with the Canadian Border Services Agency and By-Law Enforcement Officers, visited various businesses in Halton and inspected for municipal By-law infractions. Some businesses were found to be in violation of by-laws specific to their industry and as a result received Provincial Offences Notices and/or had the business licence revoked. In some cases charges were also laid.

Arrests Made in Oakville Stabbing and Robbery

In December, the Oakville District Robbery Unit arrested and charged four men in connection with the stabbing and robbery that occurred on October 21th, 2013, on Marlborough Court, Oakville.



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2013 Statistical Highlights

The 2013 Crime Statistics Overview

This section of our Annual Report provides a statistical summary for 2012 and 2013, in addition to presenting a summary of three-year trends. Data was obtained from the in-house Niche Records Management System (RMS). It should be noted that the crime categories are slightly different to those reported by Statistics Canada at each year's end due to the reporting requirements and data manipulation processes utilized by Statistics Canada.

The 2013 overall crime rate is the lowest since regionalization in 1974, however total calls for Service increased by 7,318 (+ 5.3%) to 144,575 (from 137,257) in 2012. The clearance rate (44.0%) was significantly higher than the 2012 value (37.8%).

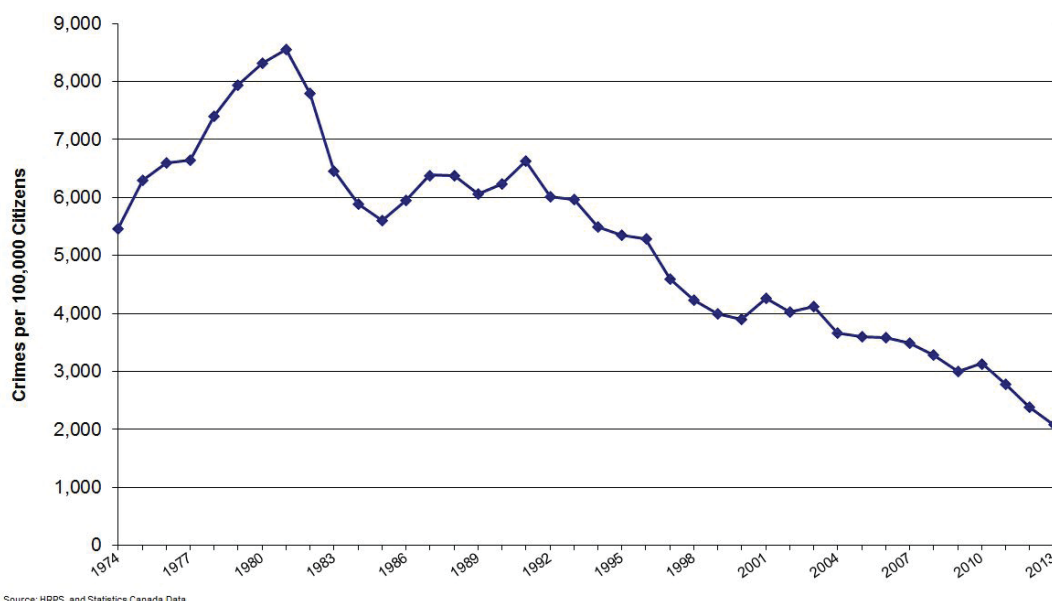
Analysis indicates that 1,272 fewer criminal offences

were reported in 2013 (10,804) than were recorded in 2012 (12,076). This is a raw number decrease of 10.5%, but represents a decrease in the crime rate of 12.7% when Regional population growth is taken into account.

Violent crime offences decreased by 5.6% from 2,095 in 2012 to 1,977 in 2013. This represents a violent crime rate decrease of 7.9% due to population increase. These crimes accounted for 18.3% of all criminal offences, up from 17.3% in 2012.

Property crime decreased by 13.3% from 8,969 in 2012 to 7,772 in 2013. This represents a property crime rate decrease of 15.5%. The "Other Crimes" category of offences was up by 4.2% in 2013 (from 1,012 to 1,055 offences). This represents a crime rate increase of 1.7% in this category of crimes.

Halton's Crime Rate - 1974 to 2013





Halton Regional Police Service

2013 Statistical Highlights

Crime Trends

The following crime categories show decreases in 2013, compared to 2012 (reported criminal offences):

- Sexual Assault by 12.0% (125, down from 142)
- Assault by 1.6% (1,315, down from 1,337)
- Robbery by 12.5% (77, down from 88)
- Other Violent Crime by 14.5% (418, down from 489)
- Break and Enter by 5.9% (937, down from 996)
- Theft Over \$5,000 by 28.2% (84, down from 117)
- Theft Under \$5,000 by 12.7% (4,222, down from 4,834)
- Fraud by 16.7% (827, down from 993)
- Mischief by 17.3% (1,296, down from 1,567)
- Arson by 61.3% (12, down from 31)
- Offensive Weapons by 10.7% (67, down from 75)

Statistical analysis shows increases in 2013 in the following crime categories when compared to 2012 (reported criminal offences):

- Other Sexual Offences by 33.3% (16, up from 12)
- Forcible Confinement by 9.5% (23, up from 21)
- Auto Theft by 6.0% (337, up from 318)

Road Safety

Motor vehicle collision totals were 7.3% higher during 2013, compared to 2012 (up from 8,000 to 8,587).

Property Damage collisions were up from 6,908 to

7,508 (+8.7%). Injury collision totals were down 0.8% in 2013, falling from 1,081 to 1,072

Most significantly, fatal collisions decreased from 11 in 2012 to 7 in 2013. However, the Service hopes to see this number decrease further in 2014 through a continued focus on education, enforcement and road engineering.

Impaired driving apprehensions were up 1.2% in 2013 (from 345 to 349) and there were 433 temporary driving licence suspensions issued in 2013, down from 452 (4.2%) in 2012.

There were 49,146 Provincial Offence Notices (PONs) issued in 2013. This is an increase of 3.9% over the previous year's total of 47,293.

Distracted driving remains a priority for the HRPS and in 2013 officers laid 4,905 charges under the Highway Traffic Act for operation of a wireless communication device while driving.



2013 Regional Statistics

Annual Totals

Category	2011	2012	2013	'12-'13 Change	'12-'13 % Change
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Violent Crime

Homicide	4	3	1	-2	-66.7%
Attempted Murder	5	3	2	-1	-33.3%
Sexual Assault	171	142	125	-17	-12.0%
Assault	1,717	1,337	1,315	-22	-1.6%
Other Sexual Offences	14	12	16	4	33.3%
Forcible Confinement	13	21	23	2	9.5%
Robbery	87	88	77	-11	-12.5%
Other Violent Crime	558	489	418	-71	-14.4%
Violent Crime Total	2,569	2,095	1,977	-118	-5.6%

Annual Ratesⁱ

(Per 100,000 population)

2012	2013	'12-'13 % Change ⁱⁱ
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0.6	0.2	-67.5%
0.6	0.4	-35.0%
28.1	24.1	-14.1%
264.4	253.7	-4.0%
2.4	3.1	30.1%
4.2	4.4	6.9%
17.4	14.9	-14.6%
96.7	80.6	-16.6%
414.3	381.4	-7.9%

Property Crime

Break & Enter	1,094	996	937	-59	-5.9%
Auto Theft	481	318	337	19	6.0%
Theft Over \$5,000	114	117	84	-33	-28.2%
Theft Under \$5,000	4,975	4,834	4,222	-612	-12.7%
Have Stolen Goods	109	113	57	-56	-49.6%
Fraud	1,416	993	827	-166	-16.7%
Mischief	1,787	1,567	1,296	-271	-17.3%
Arson	49	31	12	-19	-61.3%
Property Crime Total	10,025	8,969	7,772	-1,197	-13.3%

197.0	180.8	-8.2%
62.9	65.0	3.4%
23.1	16.2	-30.0%
955.9	814.6	-14.8%
22.3	11.0	-50.8%
196.4	159.6	-18.7%
309.9	250.0	-19.3%
6.1	2.3	-62.2%
1,773.7	1,499.5	-15.5%

Other Crime

Prostitution	2	1	2	1	100.0%
Gaming & Betting	0	0	0	0	-
Offensive Weapons	80	75	67	-8	-10.7%
Other Criminal Code Offences	1,002	936	986	50	5.3%
Other Crime Total	1,084	1,012	1,055	43	4.2%

0.2	0.4	95.1%
0.0	0.0	-
14.8	12.9	-12.8%
185.1	190.2	2.8%
200.1	203.5	1.7%

Total Crime

13,678	12,076	10,804	-1,272	-10.5%
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2,388.1	2,084.5	-12.7%
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Notes: i: Totals and percentages may not always add up due to rounding. ii: Percent change based on unrounded rates.

2013 Regional Statistics



Annual Totals

Annual Ratesⁱ (Per 100,000 population)

Category	'11	'12	'13	'12-'13 Change	'12-'13 % Change
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2012	2013	'12-'13 % Change ⁱⁱ
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Road Safety

Impaired	383	345	349	4	1.2 %
Temp. Lic. Suspension	447	452	433	-19	-4.2 %
Property Damage Collisions	7,229	6,908	7,508	600	8.7 %
Injury Collisions	1,181	1,081	1,072	-9	-0.8 %
Fatal Collisions	15	11	7	-4	-36.4 %
Total	8,425	8,000	8,587	587	7.3 %

68.2	67.3	-1.3 %
89.4	83.5	-6.5 %
1,366.1	1,448.6	6.0 %
213.8	206.8	-3.2 %
2.2	1.4	-37.9 %
1,582.0	1,656.7	4.7 %

Other Performance Indicators

Calls for Service	138,775	137,257	144,575	7,318	5.3 %
Crime Clearance Rate	38.8 %	37.8 %	44.0 %	6.2 %	

27,143	27,893	2.7 %
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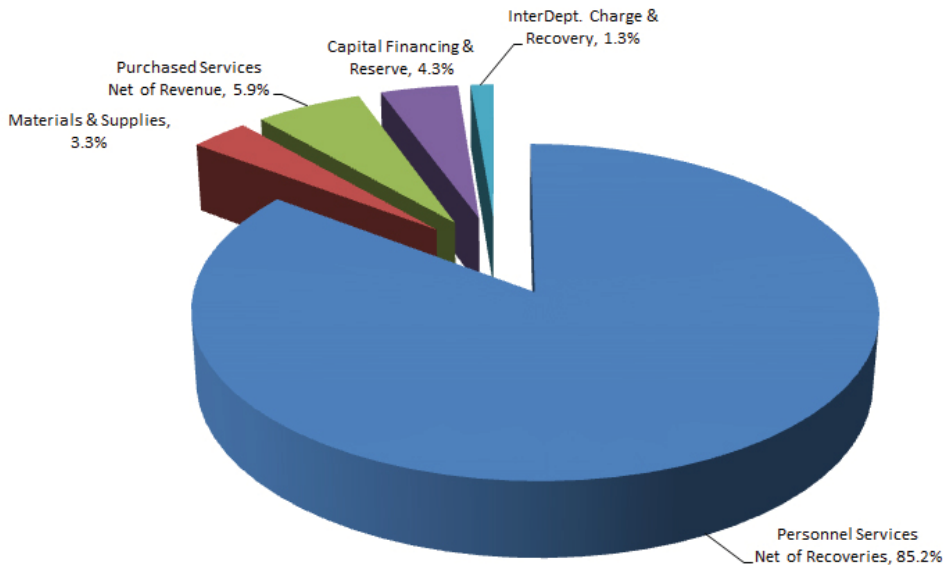


Photo by Nikki Wesley – Oakville Beaver

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2013 Regional Statistics

Operating Budget (2013)



Service at a Glance

Category	2011	2012	2013
Population Served	493,045	505,678	518,311
Uniform Officers	629.0	643.0	659.0
Civilian Employees	282.5	283.5	290.5
Total Staff	911.5	926.5	949.5
Uniform Officers: Ratio to Population	1:784	1:786	1:787
Annual Budget	\$116,400,000	\$122,226,000	\$126,955,000
Cost per Capita	\$236.08	\$241.71	\$244.94



2013 Regional Statistics



Crime Stoppers of Halton

Category	2012	2013	Total Since 1988
Tips	936	922	13,812
Arrests	19	64	1,021
Cases Cleared due to Tips	21	45	2,040
Weapons Recovered	1	21	80
Rewards Approved	28	45	1,114
Dollars Approved	\$3,425	\$7,800	\$147,981
Narcotics Seized	\$307,900	\$154,600	\$17,242,765
Property Recovered	\$29,865	\$89,650	\$2,467,962
Total	\$337,765	\$244,250	\$19,710,727



Professional Standards

Category	2011	2012	2013
Total Citizen Complaints (Received from Public)	88	65	70
Chief's Complaints (Internal Investigations)	41	28	18

2013 District Statistics

Annual Totals

Category	2011	2012	2013	'12-'13 Change	'12-'13 % Change
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1 District (Milton and Halton Hills)

Violent Crime	826	756	679	-77	-10.2%
Property Crime	2,632	2,187	1,704	-483	-22.1%
Other Crime	451	450	493	43	9.6%
Total Crime	3,909	3,393	2,876	-517	-15.2%
Overall Crime Rate	2,705	2,231	1,801	-430	-19.3%
Motor Vehicle Collisions	2,242	2,025	2,375	350	17.3%

2 District (Oakville)

Violent Crime	846	687	703	16	2.3%
Property Crime	3,424	3,302	2,859	-443	-13.4%
Other Crime	320	303	327	24	7.9%
Total Crime	4,590	4,292	3,889	-403	-9.4%
Overall Crime Rate	2,626	2,392	2,112	-280	-11.7%
Motor Vehicle Collisions	3,175	2,965	3,074	109	3.7%

3 District (Burlington)

Violent Crime	889	644	596	-48	-7.5%
Property Crime	3,950	3,475	3,194	-281	-8.1%
Other Crime	312	260	236	-24	-9.2%
Total Crime	5,151	4,379	4,026	-353	-8.1%
Overall Crime Rate	2,964	2,515	2,308	-207	-8.2%
Motor Vehicle Collisions	2,955	2,813	3,054	241	8.6%



Halton Regional Police Service Recognition

The Halton Regional Police Service Milestone Recognition

The Halton Regional Police Service would like to congratulate the following officers and civilians on reaching milestones in their careers with the Halton Regional Police Service.

Officers

10 Year	Shane Barnes Gina Brunelle Alicia Gibson Lance Martin Stephane Parent Ryan Snow Alasdair Williamson	Noel Bowes Philip Campbell Scott Heyerman David McInnis Melissa Parsons Kelly Sullivan Andrea Wilson	Jamie Bowman Duncan Foot Eric Huer Tara McLorn Tracey Peters Walter Trulsen Malcolm Wright	Kristina Boyle Christopher Gibbons Matthew Lawless Mark Murray Moreen Smith Mark Urie Charlotte Zarowny
20 Year PESM*	Derek Hetherington			
30 Year PESM	Greg Casson Rich Solecki	Jim Dawson	Kevin Neufeld	Joe Scime

* The Police Exemplary Service Medal (PESM) was created by the Governor General's Office to recognize police officers who have served in an exemplary manner, characterized by good conduct, industry and efficiency.

Civilians

10 Year	Sharon Cornforth Victoria Toth	Jeremy Cox Stephen Van Dyk	Dannielle Goddard	Mark Kesimaat
20 Year	Nicole Stennett			
25 Year	Monique Carroll Valerie Mills-Smith	Keith Crawley Susan Postma	Alexandra Hooley-Fulsang Kim Rowland	Teresa McInnes Sherrie Sadauskas
30 Year	Sandra Godfrey	Kerry Halcovitch		



Halton Regional Police Service Recognition

The Halton Regional Police Service List of Retirees for 2013

The Halton Regional Police Service would like to congratulate the following officers and civilians on their retirement in 2013 and recognize them for their dedication and years of service to the citizens of Halton Region.

Retirees

Officers	Years of Service	Civillians	Years of Service
Ken Hannah	39	Laurie McGinn	33
Murray Drinkwalter	38	Shani Bookham	31
Art Goddard	37	Marilyn Taylor	24
Jackie Gordon	34	Sandra Cousens	20
Joe Taylor	34	Barbara Schultz	14
Signy Pittman	33		
Michael Antinori	33		
Thom Doherty	32		
Les Fulop	30		
Jeff Siemom	30		
Val Taylor	24		
Rick Earle	23		
Gary Schultz	21		

The Halton Regional Police Service in Memoriam



Chaplain Hans Hamer

Hans was a police officer with the Halton Regional Police Service for 13 years before he became ordained and then served as the Services' Chaplain and property clerk until his death in July, 2013.



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