



# Halton Regional Police Service Annual Report 2019



**One Vision:**

*To be the leader in community safety and policing excellence.*

**One Mission:**

*To provide effective and efficient community-based policing.*

**One Team:**

*Exemplified through our collaboration and coordination with our community, our partners, and our employees.*

***One Vision, One Mission, One Team***

**Peel Principles of Law Enforcement**

1. The basic mission for which the police exist is to prevent crime and disorder.

2. The ability of the police to perform their duties is dependent upon public approval of police actions.

3. Police must secure the willing cooperation of the public in voluntary observance of the law to be able to secure and maintain the respect of the public.

4. The degree of cooperation of the public that can be secured diminishes proportionately to the necessity of the use of physical force.

5. Police seek and preserve public favor not by catering to the public opinion but by constantly demonstrating absolute impartial service to the law.
6. Police use physical force to the extent necessary to secure observance of the law or to restore order only when the exercise of persuasion, advice and warning is found to be insufficient.

7. Police, at all times, should maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.

8. Police should always direct their action strictly towards their functions and never appear to usurp the powers of the judiciary.

9. The test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with it.

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# Message from Chief Tanner

It is with great pleasure and pride as your Chief of Police that I present the Halton Regional Police Service's 2019 Annual Report, which reflects on our collective successes.

From an organizational perspective, last year saw the departure of former Deputy Chief Nishan Duraipappah; it has been a pleasure continuing to collaborate with him in his new role with Peel Regional Police. In October, Jeff Hill, who has served with us since 1998 and in a number of leadership roles, was sworn in as your new Deputy Chief responsible for Regional Operations.

Across all ranks, we are deeply committed to the safety and well-being of the region's over 600,000 residents. Together, with our municipal counterparts and our many diverse partners, we have made strides in safety through prevention and early interventions, guided by our Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan. Through upstream approaches, partner collaboration, training, community engagement, and a focus on inclusion and diversity, we are further strengthening Halton's status as Canada's safest large municipality. Last year, our officers responded to over 157,000 calls for service across the region and achieved a crime clearance rate of 51 per cent.

In 2019, the Halton Regional Police Service continued to embrace and leverage opportunities to collaborate, both internally and externally. From the implementation of innovative, empathy-based training tactics ensuring residents are connected to the resources they need, to harnessing new technologies, to the rollout of a series of proactive awareness and education programs, we have sought novel ways to better serve Halton. As a result, we have built on the unique skill sets within our service while continuing to strengthen and evolve our relationships with our partners to address priorities, including road safety, reducing crime trends, serving priority populations, and mental health and addictions.

I am proud to shine a light on the contributions of our community members, from local organizations and services, to each and every individual who lives, works or plays in Halton. Although police serve an important role in creating and maintaining a safe community, by no means do we do it alone. Your commitment to our collective well-being and safety has never been more apparent. The achievement of being recognized as Canada's safest large municipality is one we share with you.

This report captures key highlights of our collective 2019 achievements. We look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead to ensure Halton remains a place people are proud to call home.

Stephen J. Tanner  
Chief of Police

# Message from Chair Burton



On behalf of the Halton Police Board, I am proud of our 2019 Halton Regional Police Services Annual Report. This report demonstrates our progress with our governance mission in assuring you effective, efficient, and community-based policing services to maintain and improve our community's safety and well-being.

Halton's Police Service is founded upon and operates by the Peelian Principles of Community Policing. Our Board and our police service are Canada's leader in our devotion to the Peelian Principles (included on the inside cover of this report), which focus on community development and crime prevention rather than reaction to social problems and disorder.

For more than seven years, the Board and Halton Regional Council have held police spending increases to only what is needed for the costs of growth and inflation. At the same time, Halton Regional Council has been increasing resources for community well-being by creating and growing social housing opportunities and the Halton Community Investment Fund (HCIF). In 2019, Council continued to increase HCIF funding, adding 10 per cent for 2020. HCIF spending is guided by the ground-breaking Halton Regional Council's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, which was created through extensive public consultation and adopted in 2018.

Halton is the only large municipality in Canada with a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. Others are now using our Plan as a model for their own efforts to create their own. Through this Plan, we work to reduce non-crime calls for service to the police, by strengthening and empowering more appropriate agencies.

Halton Region continues to maintain its status as the safest of Canada's large municipalities, with the highest crime solution rate and the lowest policing cost per capita. We spend \$284 per capita for policing, the lowest of the Big 12 police services in Ontario.

Every year, pairing internal expertise and public consultation, we develop a budget that keeps within growth and inflation as we meet the need

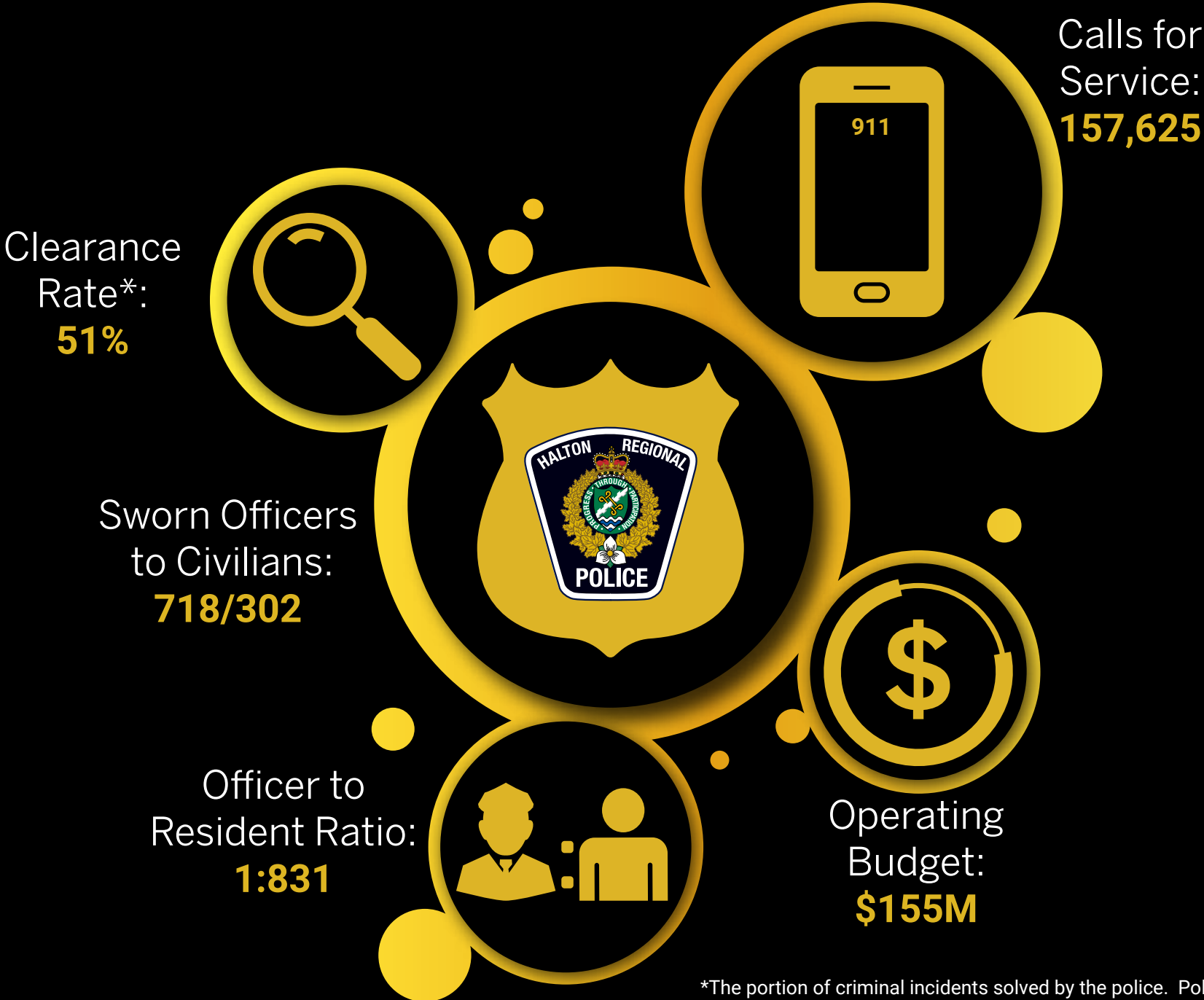
to provide protection against internet child exploitation, human trafficking, guns and gangs, drug dealing, domestic abuse, and respond to the demands of residents who also want much higher levels of policing against speeding and break-ins. We afford the best police training available in the world for the young women and men we attract and recruit to HRPS. We believe this expense is fundamental to the way they provide such exemplary service to the community they are part of, too. As an example, in an on-going gang dispute in 2019, in the middle of Cornwall Road, an individual from Montreal here to commit a targeted murder, shot and killed an individual who was also from out of town and ran off. One of our new young officers caught sight of the shooter running away and chased down and apprehended the suspect without having to shoot her firearm.

The safety and well-being of our community are at the forefront of our actions and the impact can be found through the real-life stories of community policing, in our strong community partnerships to work in innovative, thoughtful and responsive ways to make our community safer, healthier and a more inclusive place for all.

My colleagues on the Board and I have an unshakable commitment to strong civilian governance. Chief Stephen Tanner and all of our sworn and civilian members have shown dedication, compassion, integrity, courage, and professionalism as they work tirelessly to ensure we stay the safest regional municipality in Canada.

Chair Rob Burton  
Halton Police Board

# Our Service at a Glance



\*The portion of criminal incidents solved by the police. Police can clear an incident by charge or by means other than the laying of a charge.

# The Community We Serve



# 2019 Highlights: Our People

## Swearing in of Deputy Chief Jeff Hill



Deputy Chief Jeff Hill was sworn into his new role on October 16, 2019. Prior to that, Deputy Chief Hill served in a number of progressively senior roles, including Sergeant with Uniform Patrol in the City of Burlington, Detective in the Burlington Criminal Investigations Bureau, Staff Sergeant and Platoon Manager in 2 District, Staff Officer to the Deputy Chief, Detective Sergeant and District Operations Inspector. As an Inspector, he led the restructuring of Human Resources and Training resulting in improved customer service, and led the drive to implement a Regional Wellness Strategy aimed at reducing stigma and increasing member wellness.

### Career Highlights

- Start date: 1998
- Served as: Commander of Regional Investigative Services, overseeing the Domestic Violence, Forensic Identification, Child Abuse and Sexual Assault (CASA), Homicide, Drugs and Human Trafficking, Intelligence, Internet Child Exploitation (ICE), Tech Crime, Regional Fraud, Polygraph, and Victim Services Unit.

## Human Resources

Throughout 2019, Human Resource Services focused on member wellness, career fulfillment and engagement, positive labour relations and on equity, diversity and inclusivity. Human Resource Services strategically supports our membership in these priority areas so that they may thrive and continue to provide exceptional services to the communities we serve.

In 2019, we administered 171 staffing initiatives including employee, volunteer and co-op recruitment. We also focused on enhancing our recruitment efforts and Disability Management program, provided civilian leadership and performance management training, continued to sponsor professional development opportunities, and facilitated promotional and advancement processes. These endeavours provided our members with the help and support they may need to help keep Halton Region as safe tomorrow as it is today.



## Recruitment

### Dedicated Women in Policing Recruitment Event Planning

The Recruiting Unit remains committed to attracting women as potential recruits. In 2019, we hosted our second annual Women in Policing Symposium, where attendees heard from and spoke with a number of speakers from within the service. This event complemented a number of recruiting initiatives that have encouraged more female applicants.

### Partnering with our Academic Community

2019 saw a continued relationship with area colleges, including the Recruiting Unit's attendance at various events, fitness challenges and presentations at Conestoga College, Mohawk College, and Sheridan College. The Unit is also proud to host a ride-along program with the top Police Foundations program students from Conestoga College and Sheridan College.



## Training

The Training Bureau is comprised of 17 full-time sworn and civilian members.

In 2019, the Training Bureau was able to leverage centralized training facilities all housed within our new regional headquarters. The addition of a scenario room, including a breaching door, were a tremendous asset during in-service training and warrant service training. Throughout the year the Training Bureau had an increased focus on scenarios involving de-escalation, and preventive measures with upstream intervention being prioritized.

## Organizational Wellness Unit

The Organizational Wellness Unit (OWU) was established in 2016 to promote the mental health and wellness of all members of the organization in safe and confidential manner.

The Unit provides safe and confidential support to members who have been involved in significant/critical incidents and members who are at elevated risk. It further assists members through return-to-work programs.

The Unit continues to be recognized in the psychological and first responder communities as a leader of innovation in the practise, prevention, education and intervention of psychological illness/wellness.



# How to Read this Report

The Halton Regional Police Service’s 2019 Annual Report provides an overview of its objectives, key programs and statistical measurements of performance as they relate to the 2017-2019 Corporate Business Plan. That plan, [which can be viewed on our website](#), focuses on four distinct themes that fundamentally guide the delivery of police services in Halton Region.

## Four Levels of Intervention

### Incident Response

Intervention by first responders such as police, paramedics and other crisis-driven services in the human services system.

### Risk Intervention

Identifying and responding to situations of acutely elevated risk and mobilizing immediate interventions before an emergency or crisis-driven response is required.

### Social Development

Addressing underlying causes of social issues through upstream approaches that promote and maintain individual and community wellness. This includes supports that promote social and economic inclusion and equity.

### Prevention

Applying proactive strategies to known and identified risks that are likely to result in harm to individuals or communities if left unmitigated.

As we embrace the shift to planning through community safety and well-being, for each program and objective highlighted, this report demonstrates how these activities relate to the four CSWB levels of intervention and the HRPS’s four operational priority areas of focus.

## Four Operational Priorities

### Crime Trends

Reduce crime trends in priority areas across the Region through targeted information-sharing, cross-agency partnership, and public education.

### Priority Populations

Proactively identify and work closely with partners to provide appropriate, efficient, and effective response to individuals living with mental-health issues/problems and addictions.

### Traffic Safety and Enforcement

Actively engage the public through new and proven techniques to raise awareness of traffic safety and enforcement issues to improve transparency and mitigate risk to drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

### Mental Health and Addictions

Address underlying causes of social issues through upstream approaches that promote and maintain individual and community wellness. This includes supports that promote social and economic inclusion and equity.

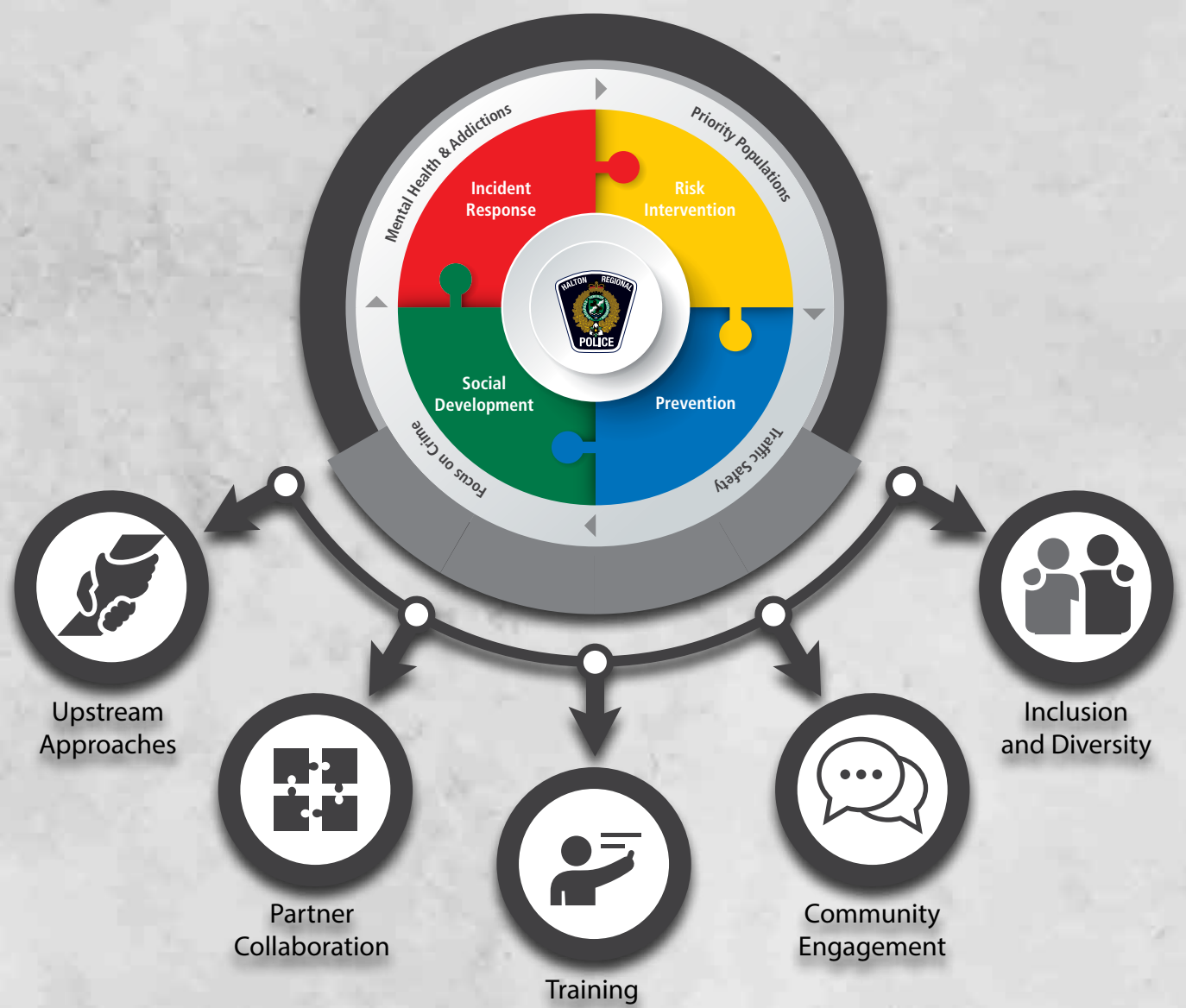


# Community Safety and Well-Being

Halton Region is a strong, vibrant and diverse community that is recognized, year after year, as the safest large community in Canada. This ranking is a reflection of the meaningful collaboration between the Halton Regional Police Service and the many agencies and organizations to serve the need of our residents.

As Halton continues to grow, steps must be taken to maintain the safety and well-being of our community and to ensure that residents who are vulnerable due to social, economic or health related risk-factors receive the supports they need.

Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) planning describes how the Halton Regional Police Service, Halton Region and our partners work together to proactively respond to issues in our community. Issues such as mental health, housing and homelessness and social isolation impact people in our community every day. Through upstream approaches, partner collaboration, training, community engagement and inclusion and diversity initiatives, we work to ensure those in need of help receive the right response, at the right time, from the right resources – *before* there is a crisis.



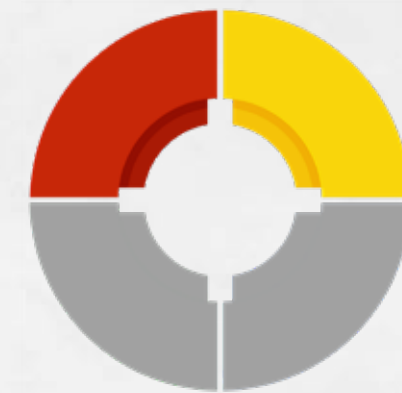
## Halton Situation Table



The Halton Situation Table plays a critical role in connecting some of the region's individuals and families, who are at acutely elevated risk, with the services and support they need to thrive.

- The weekly Table is now comprised of 35 partners.
- 40 out of 45 discussions presented in 2019 met the threshold of Acutely Elevated Risk.
- 33 of the discussions were about individuals, while 7 were about a family or dwelling.
- 87 per cent of all cases presented at the Halton Situation Table lowered the risk to those involved.
- The most common risk factors presented at the Situation Table were mental health, criminal involvement, housing, physical health, alcohol, parenting, and cognitive functioning.

## Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (MCRRT)



Our Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Teams (MCRRT) are made up of police and psychological nurses and mental health professionals trained to defuse or de-escalate crisis situations, to advocate for those in crisis, and to ensure mental health assessments are completed when and where they are needed most.

Funding for the MCRRT mental health professionals is provided by the local LHIN.

- MCCRT attended 1,921 calls for service in 2019; 1,170 were mental health events.
- MCCRT apprehended 458 persons under the Mental Health Act.
- MCCRT attended 60 per cent of all mental health and addictions events in 2019.
- MCCRT referred 607 persons in crisis with direct services in the community.

## Crisis Outreach And Support Team (COAST)



The Halton Regional Police Service Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST) provides Halton region residents aged 16 and over, who are experiencing a mental health crisis with immediate outreach and support. These teams are comprised of health care workers and HRPS officers trained in mental health and crisis intervention, and are funded by the Canadian Mental Health Association of Halton and by the Ontario Ministry of Health.

- Number of crisis calls in 2019: 10,610
- Number of Mobile Visits: 357
- Mobile Visits resulting in apprehensions: 16 per cent
- Persons in crisis whom officers referred to COAST: 2,093
- Largest demographic served by COAST: 18-24 years old





Ontario’s distracted driving law (O. Reg. 366/09 under the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O. 1990) states that while you are driving, including when stopped in traffic or at a red light, it is illegal to:

- use a phone or other hand-held wireless communication device to text or call – you can only touch a device to call 911 in an emergency;
- use a hand-held electronic entertainment device, such as a tablet or portable gaming console;
- view display screens unrelated to driving, such as watching a video; and
- program a GPS device, except by voice commands.

More information on these offences can be found at <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90h08>

# Project #ItCanWaitHalton

A partnership between the Halton Regional Police Service and Halton Region aims to positively influence driver behavior and reduce the use of hand-held devices while driving.

Distracted driving is a behavior that puts all road users at risk. Nearly 80 per cent of collisions and 65 per cent of near-collisions have some form of driver inattention as contributing factors.

Our residents have told us that distracted driving is a significant and increasing concern for them. We share this concern. In early 2019, the Halton Regional Police Service and Halton Region collaborated to develop an educational and enforcement initiative to reduce the incidence of distracted driving on our roads.

The result of this collaborative was a regional traffic safety initiative targeting distracted driving – #ItCanWaitHalton. The initiative was comprised of two distinct components:

Week 1:

Leveraging stationary and mobile signs and a fulsome social media campaign, the goal of the first week of the initiative was to raise public awareness about the risks associated with distracted driving.

Week 2:

The second week of the campaign encompassed region-wide enforcement of distracted driving.

The bottom line: injuries and deaths caused by distracted driving are 100% preventable. There is no excuse. Road safety is a shared responsibility, and it is our expectation that all drivers in the region play their part and drive safely. Put your phone down, and remember, It Can Wait Halton.

Deputy Chief Jeff Hill

## METRICS

199	Provincial Offence Notices issued by officers during #ItCanWaitHalton [Phase I]	4.6	The average number of seconds a driver takes their eyes off the road when reading a text message
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# Community Partners for Healthy Living

**New program leverages best practices to ensure students have the greatest opportunity for learning and relationship-strengthening with their Elementary School Liaison Officers.**

In 2018, the Service's Elementary School Liaison Officers (ESLOs) and the region's school boards collectively identified that while the "BRAVO" program was providing children with facts and information around social and legal issues, there was duplication in lessons provided by police, teachers, public health and other presenters.

The school boards and officers all recognized this as an opportunity to provide fewer, but more police-focused, presentations, leading to two positive outcomes:

- i. Police would have more time to connect with vulnerable children and be part of providing wrap-around care for children and families in partnership with schools and other community agencies; and
- ii. Each presentation to the children would be facilitated by the most appropriate agency (i.e., police, public health and other guest speakers).

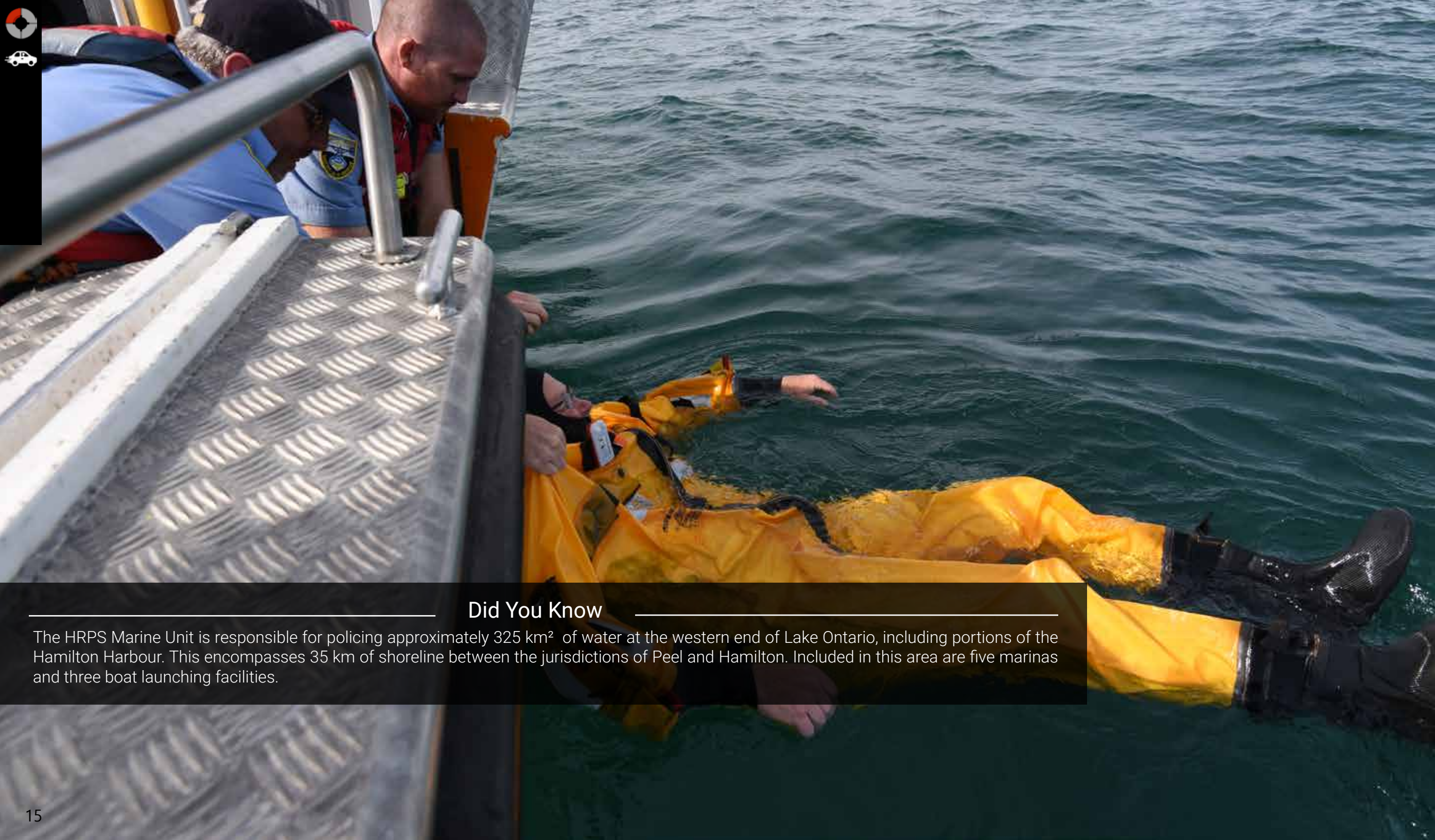
Together, the police and school boards developed **Community Partners for Healthy Living (CPHL)**. This program allows for appropriate, timely, and professional presentations to children by the most appropriate presenters, in alignment with 21st century teaching models. This allows the ESLOs to build relationships with school staff and vulnerable children, and their families, outside of classroom time. The program has also helped facilitate innovative initiatives such as 'Pizza with Police,' increasing engagement and interactions.

This evolution of police involvement took over a year to fully implement, but its positive impact has already been felt.

Partner Agencies







# Joint Marine Training Exercise

**Joint training strengthens collective Search and Rescue capacity through shared learning.**

At the Halton Regional Police Service, we recognize the value of joint training with our partner agencies.

In September 2019, the Halton Regional Police Service Marine Unit participated in a joint search and rescue exercise on Lake Ontario with members from the Town of Oakville Water Air Rescue Force (TOWARF), Unit 008 of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the full-time crew of Canadian Coast Guard ship *Cape Storm*.

This joint training initiative came to fruition through Sgt. Paul Rudall of the HRPS, who has volunteered with the TOWARF for more than ten years. Through his experience, Sgt. Rudall saw the value in agencies involved in search and rescue activities working together to promote safety on the water and respond effectively to emergency situations.

During the joint exercise, four vessels (HRPS Marine 1 & 2, TOWARF and CCGS *Cape Storm*) came under the command of a senior deck hand on the CCGS *Cape Storm*. Under this central command, the vessels were put through their paces conducting search

patterns in an effort to locate a lost person in the water (referred to as a 'PIW').

After a highly coordinated and systematic search, the team successfully located the PIW (a life-sized floating dummy). The four vessels then rendezvoused to debrief the search pattern and took turns practicing the safe extraction of a person from the water.

It is through partnerships and joint training initiatives such as this that we help ensure the safety of the people who live and play in our region. We look forward to coordinating further joint training initiatives with TOWARF and the Coast Guard in the future.

## Did You Know

The HRPS Marine Unit is responsible for policing approximately 325 km<sup>2</sup> of water at the western end of Lake Ontario, including portions of the Hamilton Harbour. This encompasses 35 km of shoreline between the jurisdictions of Peel and Hamilton. Included in this area are five marinas and three boat launching facilities.

Partner Agencies







# You Can't Fix What You Can't See

**In an effort to bring the scourge of intimate partner violence out of the shadows, the Halton Regional Police Service is taking a bold new approach to connect those who are at-risk with the supports they need and deserve.**

Incidents of intimate partner violence threaten the very sense of safety and well-being that defines our region.

Last year, our officers responded to almost 3,600 intimate partner violence calls. We also know that intimate partner violence is overwhelmingly under-reported. In fact, an estimated 75 per cent of these incidents go unreported.<sup>1</sup>

In 2019, the Halton Regional Police Service made a decision to periodically publish media releases that capture a de-identified incident of intimate partner violence in the community. No names. No residence details. Most importantly, the nature of the incident and what charges were laid as a result of an investigation are disclosed.

Each of these intimate partner violence media releases:

- reinforces that no one has the right to abuse another person;
- encourages victims and witnesses to contact the Halton Regional Police Service; and
- provides a comprehensive list of community resources for those affected.

Using nudge theory, our goals with this new approach to community-facing messaging are two-fold:

- to create an opportunity to connect others who are at-risk, or who may already be victims of intimate partner violence, with the resources and support they need and deserve; and
- to heighten the awareness of the general public regarding how pervasive this violence is in our community.

This decision was not undertaken lightly; it was done so in consultation with Halton Women's Place and key community partners in the network of support available to victims of domestic violence in the region.

Given the prevalence of intimate partner violence in the region, it is imperative that all stakeholders shed light on this issue. In collaboration with our community partners, through ongoing education, and shared information, the Halton Regional Police Service hopes to further prevent and reduce future victimization.



Partner Agency

**Halton Women's Place**  
*Healthy Relationships • Healthy Communities*

## Support Services in the Community

Victims of intimate partner violence are referred to the Halton Regional Police Service Domestic Violence Victim Coordinator within our Victim Services Unit. The Victim Services Unit connects victims to appropriate support services in the community, assists with safety planning and victim care, and, through the Victim Quick Response Program, can provide immediate short-term financial support toward essential expenses for victims of violent crime.

**3,592**

Intimate partner domestic incidents investigated by HRPS officers in 2019

**781**

Intimate partner domestic incident arrests were made by HRPS officers in 2019

**1,468**

Intimate partner domestic incident charges were laid by HRPS officers in 2019

**70**

Domestic homicides occur in Canada each year, on average<sup>2</sup>

**79**

Per cent of victims of intimate partner homicide in Canada who were women<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Brennan, S. 2011. "Self-reported spousal violence, 2009." Family Violence in Canada: A Statistical Profile. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 85-224-X.

<sup>2</sup> <http://cdhpi.ca/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2018001/article/54893/03-eng.htm>



Intimate partner violence is a community problem that requires community engagement to address. It is impossible to fix what you can't see, so we are broadening the conversation to clearly signal that this insidious, often invisible epidemic is not solely an issue of concern to victims. If you see something, *say something*.

**Deputy Chief Jeff Hill**







# Anatomy of a Cruiser

Ever wonder what goes into commissioning a police car?

## Fleet Facts:

- Cost of fully equipped cruiser: \$65,000 - \$85,000 (depending on additional systems installations such as ALPR and ICCS)
- Total fleet: 362 vehicles
- 7.2 million kms travelled in 2019
- Average build time: 50-55 hours
- Average decommission time: 7 hours
- K9 unit build time: 70 hours
- 500 feet of custom electrical wiring
- Custom vehicle decals
- Equipment weight: approx. 500 lbs
- Speaker decibel: 123dB
- Average run time per year for frontline vehicles: 4,000 hours
- Specialized LED emergency lighting

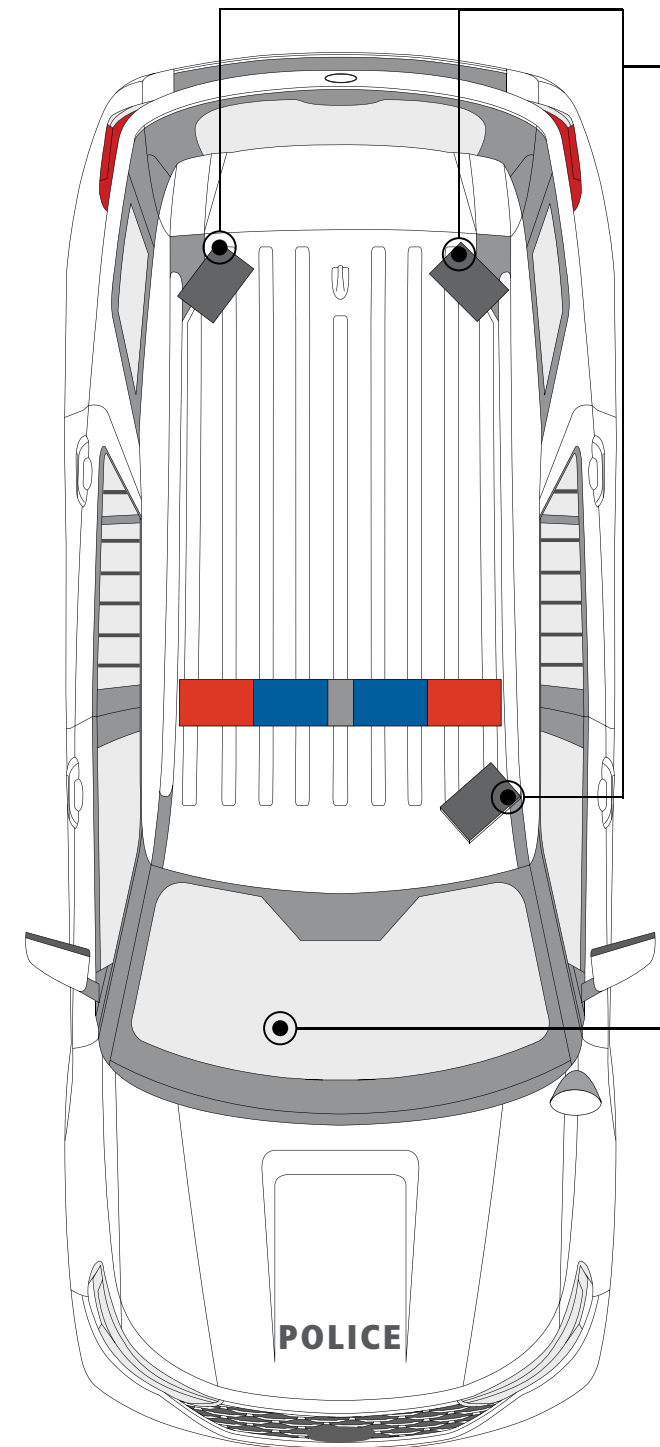
## Vehicle Equipment:

- Speaker/siren
- Lightbar
- 10-14 individual light heads
- Mobile Work Station and Dock
- USB hub
- 2-way radio
- Lighting controller
- Radar
- Gun lock
- Prisoner partition
- Equipment box
- Secondary battery
- Fire extinguisher
- Window bars

**Front line and Patrol fleet:** comprised of pursuit rated Dodge Chargers, Ford Interceptor Utilities, Ford Interceptor Sedans, Chevrolet Tahoes. Other specialized and support units include Dodge Ram pick-up trucks, Ford Expeditions, F-350s, various vans and trucks (Mobile Command Units, Armoured Rescue Vehicle), trailers and boats/vessels.

## K9 System:

- Temperature module
- Temperature sensors
- Window modules
- Door opener remote for K9 officer
- K9 door opener solenoid
- Door gas shock
- K9 kennel and fan
- 'No K9 left behind' door sensors
- Vehicle idle module
- Smoke detector
- Carbon monoxide detector



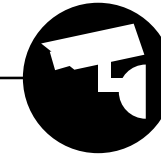
Automatic Licence Plate Recognition

ABC 123

## Automatic Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR)

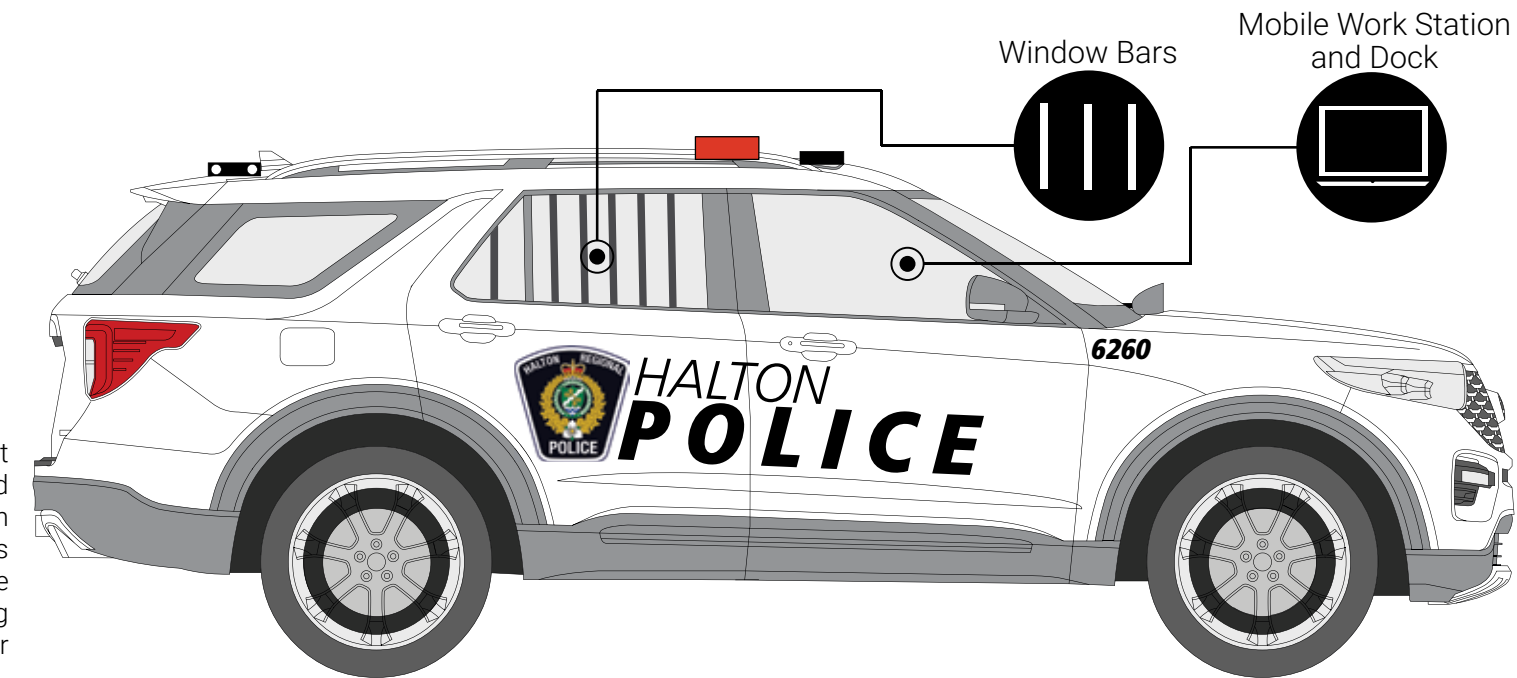
ALPR camera and software system that utilizes optical character recognition to read a licence plate. The licence plate is then compared against a database of vehicles that may be stolen or drivers who may be suspended from driving or in poor standing through the Ministry of Transportation for various reasons.

In-Car Camera System

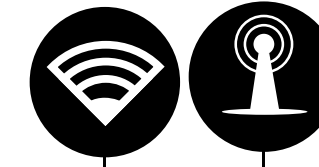


## In-Car Camera System (ICCS)

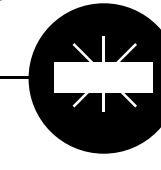
The ICCS is a rugged in-car digital video recording system that modernizes evidence collection and increases transparency. In-Car Camera Systems are deployed in either 2-camera or 4-camera configurations and provide accurate and timely data which can strengthen investigations. It is the policy of the Halton Regional Police Service to utilize the ICCS for the purposes of law enforcement and to promote public safety, while balancing the public's right to privacy.



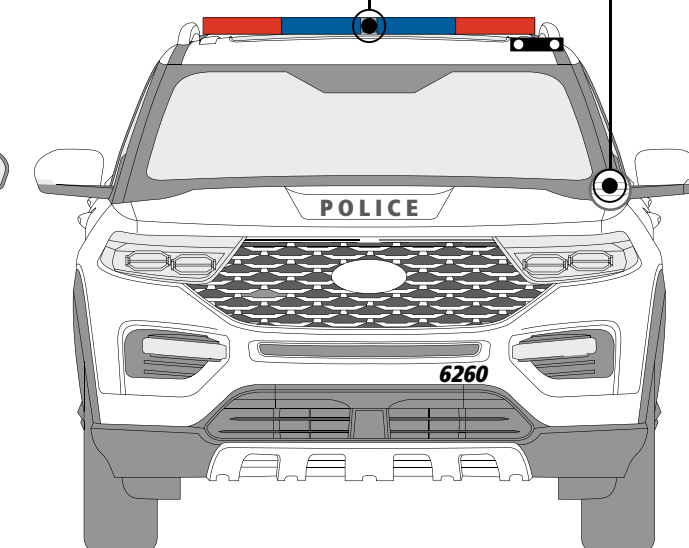
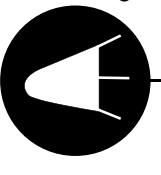
Antenna and Wifi



Light Bar and Sirens



Search Light







# Traffic Stop – Anything but Routine

**A vehicle is stopped for stunt driving, and what unfolds next highlights the risks our officers potentially face every day as they patrol our roads.**

Early one morning in June 2019, two Halton Regional Police Service officers were conducting Highway Traffic Act enforcement in Oakville. A vehicle sped past their location, driving more than 60 km/hr over the speed limit. The officers activated their full emergency lights in an effort to safely stop the vehicle.

Once stopped, the officer advised the driver the reason for the stop, and requested the driver’s license, ownership and proof of insurance.

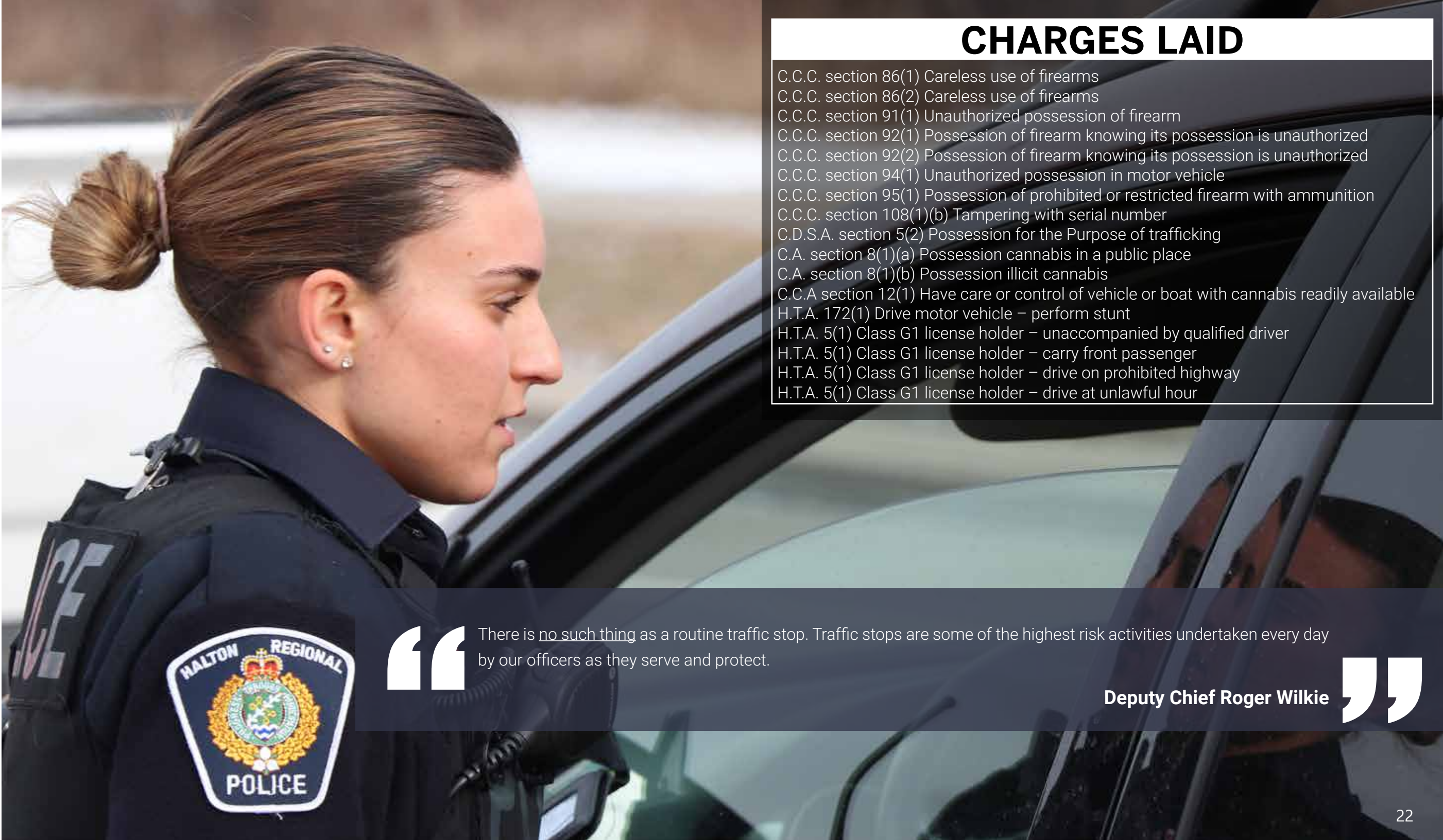
The driver was asked to step out of the vehicle, and was placed under arrest for Stunt Driving, contrary to the Highway Traffic Act. As it happened, the operator of the vehicle was a G1 driver, subject to a number of standard driving restrictions.

At that time the officer detected a strong odour of marihuana, and noticed an open package of dried cannabis in the driver’s shirt pocket. Based on those observations, the officer had grounds to search all aspects of the vehicle subject to the *Cannabis Act*.

The officers began conducting a thorough search of the vehicle, during which more dried cannabis and a satchel of crack cocaine were located and seized.

As the search continued, one of the officers observed the butt of what was later determined to be a loaded black .40 caliber handgun, with its serial number scratched off. The firearm was immediately secured and seized as evidence.

In a matter of minutes, a traffic stop for stunt driving escalated to include 17 provincial and criminal charges.



## CHARGES LAID

- C.C.C. section 86(1) Careless use of firearms
- C.C.C. section 86(2) Careless use of firearms
- C.C.C. section 91(1) Unauthorized possession of firearm
- C.C.C. section 92(1) Possession of firearm knowing its possession is unauthorized
- C.C.C. section 92(2) Possession of firearm knowing its possession is unauthorized
- C.C.C. section 94(1) Unauthorized possession in motor vehicle
- C.C.C. section 95(1) Possession of prohibited or restricted firearm with ammunition
- C.C.C. section 108(1)(b) Tampering with serial number
- C.D.S.A. section 5(2) Possession for the Purpose of trafficking
- C.A. section 8(1)(a) Possession cannabis in a public place
- C.A. section 8(1)(b) Possession illicit cannabis
- C.C.A section 12(1) Have care or control of vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available
- H.T.A. 172(1) Drive motor vehicle – perform stunt
- H.T.A. 5(1) Class G1 license holder – unaccompanied by qualified driver
- H.T.A. 5(1) Class G1 license holder – carry front passenger
- H.T.A. 5(1) Class G1 license holder – drive on prohibited highway
- H.T.A. 5(1) Class G1 license holder – drive at unlawful hour

“ There is no such thing as a routine traffic stop. Traffic stops are some of the highest risk activities undertaken every day by our officers as they serve and protect.

Deputy Chief Roger Wilkie







# The Impact of Opioids on Halton Region

**Halton region is not immune to the impact of the opioid crisis that is devastating communities from coast to coast.**

In 2019, our frontline officers saw an increase in the number of suspected opioid overdoses in the communities we serve. Each of these overdoses comes with its own emotional and physical toll.

Across the country, nearly 4,000 people died after apparent opioid overdoses in 2019. One in every 73 deaths in Ontario can be attributed to an opioid overdose, and one in six deaths among youth (age 15-24) was opioid-related. The impact on each of these lives – the lives of mothers, sons, brothers, daughters, fathers, sisters, and friends – makes the opioid crisis a significant public safety concern.

This is why the Halton Regional Police Service works collaboratively with stakeholders to develop and deliver comprehensive strategies and interventions to address the issues related to the illicit use, misuse or abuse of opioids in our community. This includes work across various sectors to build resiliency in all four municipalities through the Halton Region - Community Safety & Well-Being Plan.

An internal leadership group comprised of members representing Regional Investigative Services, Regional Community Mobilization Bureau and Strategic Initiatives collaborates closely with the Region’s Health Department, in real-time, to foster sharing of data, and rapid, transparent public-facing communication when we detect a cluster of opioid-related incidents in the community.

In June 2019, our Significant Opioid Incident Protocol was activated for the first time after our officers used naloxone to save two teens showing obvious signs of a suspected overdose. Our key message to the community, then, and now, is clear: Don’t run, call 911.

In 2019, Halton Regional Police Service officers administered naloxone to 28 individuals suffering from an apparent overdose. Twenty-six of those people survived.



The Halton Regional Police Service recognizes that addressing the devastating impacts of the opioid crisis requires a holistic, long-term, collaborative approach. We are leveraging all internal resources and taking all measures to actively investigate and prosecute those responsible for trafficking in illicit narcotics. In parallel, we continue to work with strategic partners to further our understanding of the upstream factors that contribute to this issue. Our community demands and deserves the best from us, and their well-being and safety is our priority.

**Chief Stephen Tanner**



## METRICS

230	Paramedic service calls from the community for suspected opioid overdoses in 2019	93	Per cent of individuals administered naloxone in 2019 by HRPS who were successfully revived
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# Bolstering Community Safety with Empathy-Based Training

**Virtual Reality empathy-based training is introduced to better position our members to respond to dynamic mental health crises in the community.**

In 2019, the Halton Regional Police Service partnered with AXON to become the first police service in Canada to introduce Virtual Reality empathy-based training to its members.

This innovative empathy-based training complements our existing enriched training program and further enables our frontline officers to manage and de-escalate potentially high-risk interactions.

HRPS officers and select civilian members will be receiving this training. Officers will acquire additional skills related to de-escalation tactics, and also gain further insight into particular behaviours and/or mental health characteristics pertaining specifically to autism, schizophrenia, and suicidal personalities. The knowledge imparted by this empathy-based training directly focuses on prevention and education, impacting the ability to mitigate risks to the individuals, to the community, and to officers.

The de-escalation and symptomology-based learning officers will receive from this form of training will directly impact our ability as a police service to ensure as many positive outcomes as possible when responding to mental health crisis scenarios.

Currently, the Virtual Reality training being utilized is experiential in nature. Moving forward there is capability for more enhanced and interactive scenarios, which will only further evolve as the technology in this field continues to develop.

In 2020, HRPS and AXON will deliver three additional training scenarios through Virtual Reality training. Once these new scenarios are produced, they will become available for other police agencies to incorporate into their own training.

A video demonstration of one of the programs can be viewed here: <https://bit.ly/2J9EK8c>

Partner Agencies



Canadian Mental  
Health Association  
Halton Region Branch  
*Mental health for all*

Association canadienne  
pour la santé mentale  
Filiale de la région de Halton  
*La santé mentale pour tous*



Empathy-based training teaches our officers to view interactions through someone else's perspective. This will help slow down encounters with individuals in crisis, facilitate respectful communication and, ultimately, increase public trust.

**Deputy Chief Roger Wilkie**







# Technology Leveraged to Avert a Tragedy

**An innovative approach to a missing person search yields a successful outcome.**

On a late summer evening in 2019, the Halton Regional Police Service received a call regarding a missing male in Burlington. A Mobile Command Post was established, and officers were dispatched to assist with the search. Our concern for the man's well-being was amplified when information was received that gave us grounds to believe he was in crisis.

Members of the Halton Regional Police Service Collision Reconstruction Unit deployed their Remote Piloted Aerial System (RPAS), also known as a drone, to assist in the search. While this tool is primarily used to map major collision scenes, on this evening, it was leveraged for a more exigent purpose.

The camera utilized for the drone flight was capable of simultaneously streaming regular and infrared (IR) video. Due to the late hour and low lighting conditions of this flight, the IR camera feed proved indispensable.

During the flights for the missing person, there were three objects observed with a higher surface temperature relative to the surrounding area that could not be accounted

for as belonging to animals (deer or coyote), trees, or standing water.

The coordinate positions of the three objects were recorded from the aerial vehicle, then sent to ground searchers for closer inspection.

Ground searchers checked each location, eliminating location 1 and 2 as possible locations of the missing person.

An explanation for the heat signature in location 3, which was in closer proximity to a highway overpass, could not be determined. This prompted a search of the immediate area in case the heat signature was in fact from the missing person.

Shortly before midnight, while on foot checking the area around location 3, the male was observed at the top of the embankment under the overpass bridge. He was safely apprehended under the *Mental Health Act* and brought to the hospital for assessment and connection with support services in the community.



## METRICS

In 2019, the Halton Regional Police Service Search Incident Response Team (part of our Emergency Services Unit) was activated 33 times. A total of 82 members are trained for these specific emergency response duties.

## 24-Hour Crisis Resources

COAST: 1-877-825-9011  
Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868  
Reach Out Centre for Kids (ROCK): (905) 878-9785  
Telecare Burlington: (905) 681-1488  
Distress Centre Oakville: (905) 849-4541  
Distress Centre North Halton: (905) 877-1211





# Tragic Homicide Solved

**A random stabbing left a 91-year-old man dead, and a community in shock. Leveraging all available investigative resources, the Halton Regional Police Service identified and charged a Brampton man with this senseless crime.**

On a Saturday afternoon in late August 2019, 91-year-old Edmund Ferrari left his residence to go for a walk in downtown Oakville. He was found moments later lying on the sidewalk, having been stabbed in the chest. In spite of lifesaving efforts, Mr. Ferrari tragically succumbed to his injuries.

Officers immediately pored through the neighbourhood canvassing for surveillance footage. Area businesses and residents came forward to provide investigators with footage and tips that allowed us to flood local and regional media outlets and social media with the description of a male and vehicle seen in the area that afternoon.

In the coming days, the Service made repeated appeals to the public, encouraging anyone with information to contact the Halton Regional Police Service Homicide Tip Line at the earliest opportunity, or to submit a tip anonymously to Crime Stoppers of Halton.

Our Service applied all available resources to this case, with a core team of more than 20 investigators, and support from all three District Criminal Investigations Bureaus,

Homicide investigators, the provincial ROPE Squad, members of our Emergency Services Unit, our Search Incident Response Team, Victim Services Unit, and a number of units within our Regional Investigative Services, 2 District uniform patrol, our Regional Community Mobilization Bureau, our Communications Bureau, Crime Analysis, Records, and our Corporate Communications Unit.

The assistance of media and our community was essential in identifying the accused, and on October 18, 2019, a 23-year-old male from Brampton was arrested and charged with 1st Degree Murder.

Our hearts go out to the family and friends of Mr. Ferrari. Our Service stands with them as they continue to grieve and heal.

In 2019, 4,788 victims of crime and tragedy were supported by the Halton Regional Police Service's Victim Services Unit.

For more information about the unit, please call 905-825-4747 ext. 5239 or visit [haltonpolice.ca](http://haltonpolice.ca).

Partner Agencies







# Replica Handguns Lead to School Lockdown

**A high school is placed in lockdown for four hours while police search for multiple armed suspects.**

On the afternoon of April 18, 2019, the Halton Regional Police Service received a 911 call from a staff member at a high school in Georgetown after a number of males were reportedly observed on school property brandishing handguns.

The high school was immediately placed in lockdown and two nearby schools were placed in a precautionary Hold and Secure.

Members of the Halton Regional Police Service's Uniform Patrol, Tactical Rescue Unit and K9 Unit entered the school and began a systematic search for suspects, working methodically to clear and secure every room, one by one. As each room was deemed clear of threats,

those students and staff were escorted out of the school to a secondary, secure location so they could be reunited with their families.

The lockdown was lifted nearly four hours after the initial 911 call. No students or staff were physically injured during this incident.

Three suspects were arrested on school property, and a fourth was later arrested at his residence. Several replica firearms were recovered during the search. Charges were laid against three of the accused for Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose, and Theft Under \$5000.

The Halton Regional Police Service regularly carries out active shooter training exercises, such as the one that took place at the Hope Bible Church in May 2019, to test the need for operational improvements, hone how officers and Incident Commanders communicate during such dynamic and fluid incidents, and allow for tools and equipment to be regularly re-assessed. In 2019, our Tactical Rescue Unit responded to 140 incidents and our K9 Unit deployed to 380 incidents.







In the past, if a youth was in crisis, police would be called either by the youth or by the family of the youth. Police had three options:

- i. apprehend the youth under s.17 of the *Mental Health Act*;
- ii. arrest the youth (if appropriate); or
- iii. suggest the youth/family call one of a number of mental health providers in the community, including Reach Out Centre for Kids (ROCK).

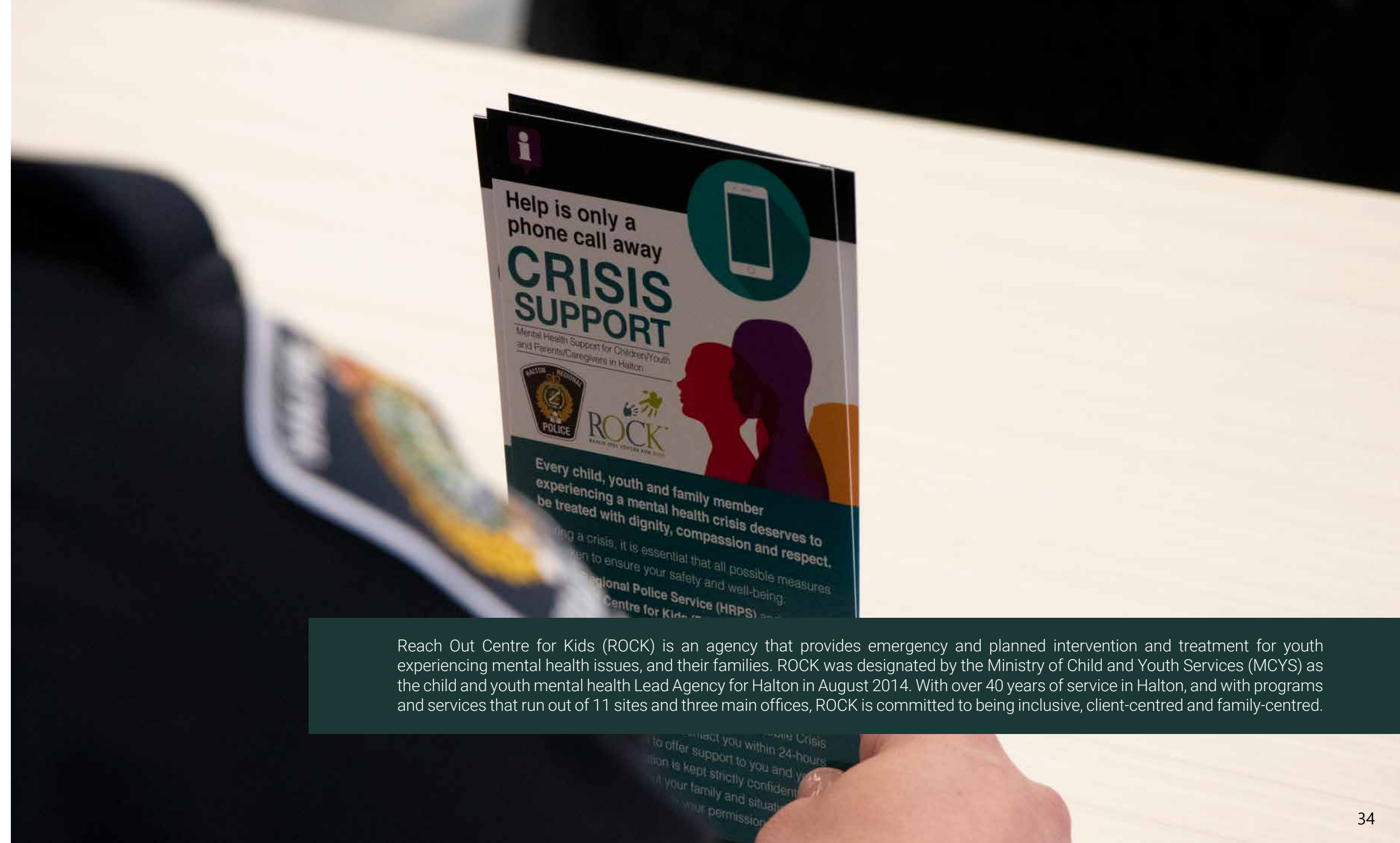
For a number of reasons, however, youth and families were not reaching out for help beyond the crisis. Perhaps the stigma of mental health related issues prevented people from proactively asking for help, or alternatively, once the crisis was over, people felt they could cope and therefore no longer needed mental health services - until next time.

In order to address this gap in service and better serve our community, the Halton Regional

Police Service and ROCK collaborated and signed a Memorandum of Understanding that allows police, with consent from the youth (aged 5-15) or their families, to either directly refer them to ROCK, or to call the ROCK crisis line at the time of the crisis so youth/families can speak to a crisis worker there and then.

The initiative is gradually being rolled out to the Halton Regional Police Service Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Teams (MCRRT) and Crisis Outreach and Support Teams (COAST) and to the youth/school officers. In 2020, all frontline members will have the opportunity to directly refer an individual to ROCK.

Partner Agency



Reach Out Centre for Kids (ROCK) is an agency that provides emergency and planned intervention and treatment for youth experiencing mental health issues, and their families. ROCK was designated by the Ministry of Child and Youth Services (MCYS) as the child and youth mental health Lead Agency for Halton in August 2014. With over 40 years of service in Halton, and with programs and services that run out of 11 sites and three main offices, ROCK is committed to being inclusive, client-centred and family-centred.





METRICS

8	Production orders	1	Search warrant
300	Investigative hours	17	Charges laid

# Investigation Leads to Arrest of Personal Support Worker

A Personal Support Worker is brought to justice after preying on elderly, vulnerable victims over the course of eight months.

In October 2018, two Personal Support Workers were arrested and charged by the Halton Regional Police Service’s Older Adult Abuse and Financial Crime Unit after an investigation into fraud involving elderly, vulnerable victims. Shortly after publication of the arrest of the two accused, additional victims came forward with similar allegations. Losses include cash, stolen watches, a 25 year wedding anniversary ring, and fraudulent use of a credit card.

In December 2018, one of the PSWs was *arrested again* and additional charges were laid, including Theft Under \$5,000 (two counts), Fraud under \$5,000 (two counts), Fraudulent use of a credit card (three counts), Possession of property obtained by crime, and Uttering forged documents.

One common thread became evident: *All of the victims were elderly, vulnerable, and dependent on support from a Personal Support Worker.* Officers liaised with the support service agency to ensure their vulnerable clients were informed of these arrests and charges.

In late December 2018, three more victims were identified and investigations continued into 2019. One victim was initially reluctant to contact police for fear that her complaint might be dismissed because of her age and vulnerability. This victim alleged that several pieces of heritage and prized jewellery had been stolen from her residence. Another victim (a 91-year-old woman) had her financial card compromised

and incurred nearly \$2,000 in unauthorized credit card charges.

In February 2019, a search warrant was granted for a residence associated with the accused. Stolen jewellery, fraudulently obtained items and items of evidentiary value were recovered.

Subsequently, the accused PSW was *arrested for a third time* and charged for offences in connection with the fourth, fifth and sixth victims: Unauthorized use of credit card, Fraud under \$5,000, Theft under \$5,000 and Possession of property obtained by crime.

In February 2019, a seventh 94-year-old victim was identified after a loved one uncovered that her credit card had been used for several unauthorized purchases.

In April 2019, the accused PSW was *arrested a fourth time* for charges relating to the seventh victim; Unauthorized use of a credit card and Fraud under \$5,000 and for breaching her release conditions.

The accused was sentenced Feb. 2020 to: a Suspended sentence, 100 hours of Community service, \$11,492 paid in restitution to victims and banks, three years of Probation with multiple conditions including; not to be employed or volunteer as a Personal Support Worker for the period of their Probation.





# There's a Life Riding on it

In 2019, a motorcycle operator had a 1 in 12 chance of sustaining fatal injuries in a collision, compared to a 1 in 1,100 chance for those in a motor vehicle. Seeing a record high number of motorcycle collisions in our region, the HRPS Traffic Services Unit launched a targeted motorcycle safety campaign.

On March 23, 2019, our region experienced its first motorcycle fatality of what would be the most dangerous year in recent memory for motorcycle operators on area roadways. In total, the region experienced a 500 per cent increase in collisions in which motorcycle operators sustained serious, life-altering injury or death, compared to 2018.

Half of the serious motorcycle collisions in 2019 were single vehicle motorcycle collisions related to speed and loss of control, and half involved vehicles turning left in front of a motorcycle, thus creating a 'cut off' scenario where the motorcycle operator would impact the vehicle and be ejected. The dire situation at hand came to a peak when the August long weekend saw three separate motorcycle injury collisions in Halton region.

With this information in hand, the Traffic Services Unit set out to ensure drivers and motorcycle operators were equipped with information regarding motorcycle visibility, rider equipment, safe following distance, appropriate speed, reaction time, braking distances, etc.

Outreach to our community included:

- Provision of motorcycle safety information pamphlets to local riders at area riding schools, police events including Police Day, area motorcycle dealers, and at local 'bike night' events in the region.
- Live motorcycle handling demonstrations and safety discussions during Police Day in May.
- A media relations campaign via print and broadcast media, drawing attention to the vulnerability of motorcycle operators through the concept of 'Right of Weight' and Ride SAFE messaging in July and August.
- Participation in a Your TV Halton 'Coffee with a Cop' segment on motorcycle safety.
- Collaboration with the Corsa Motocicletta ride night in Burlington, which featured police motorcycle training demonstrations, in-person safety discussions and question and answer opportunities for in excess of 500 area riders.
- Social media strategy across all platforms for motorcyclists and motorists.

This multifaceted and collaborative approach to motorcycle and road safety reached thousands of road users that travel our area roadways and remains a priority component of the Traffic Services Unit's approach to road safety.



## METRICS

15	Collisions resulting in life-altering injury or death to motorcycle operators in 2019	56	Per cent of fatal motor vehicle collisions involved a motorcycle operator in 2019
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# Retail Theft: Not a Victimless Crime

Retail theft costs Canadian businesses nearly \$5 billion per year.

Retail theft is not a victimless crime. Losses incurred by business are recouped by raising prices. Ultimately, retail theft costs the average Canadian household between \$200-\$400 annually.

Retail theft trends in Halton region and across the Greater Toronto Area include large quantity merchandise thefts, organized groups targeting specific retailers, offenders committing crimes in multiple jurisdictions, and trafficking of stolen merchandise through legitimate retailers.

In the past, when retailers reported a theft, officers would be dispatched to the scene regardless of whether a suspect had been apprehended or was no longer at the scene. Analytics revealed that regionally, there was no suspect on scene at *more than half* of the retail theft incidents attended by our officers. This represented a significant diversion of police resources that could be otherwise allocated.

The solution? A Retail Theft Strategy was developed to establish and promote collaboration between law enforcement agencies, Loss Prevention Officers (LPOs) and retail staff in order to:

- i. increase awareness within the retail community regarding the growing issue of Organized Retail Crime;

- ii. produce a network of contacts for the sharing of intelligence, trends, and offender identities within the law enforcement and loss prevention communities; and
- iii. provide the communities with a conduit to relay information anonymously via Crime Stoppers. The Strategy leveraged an education / training thrust that serves to build the knowledge, competency and confidence of LPOs and security officers.

By removing the requirement for officers to respond to these calls, they were available to otherwise respond to higher priority calls, thereby bolstering the safety of our community. Of secondary benefit: this re-allocation of resources ensured officers were available to respond to retail thefts when a suspect had been apprehended by an LPO or was still at the scene.

From a Loss Prevention perspective, the Halton Regional Police Service is being held as the gold standard regarding collaborative efforts for the purposes of disrupting retail theft. In October 2019, our Service hosted the Ontario Retail Crime Prevention Summit, and in November 2019, our Strategy was presented at the Retail Theft Conference in Ottawa.

## METRICS

**2,329** Retail theft calls for service in 2019

**73** Per cent clearance rate\*

\* Proportion of reported crimes solved by police







“The video footage submitted to our investigators played a key role in how quickly we were able to identify and arrest all five involved parties. This is clear evidence that our residents share our commitment to community safety and well-being.”

**Detective Sergeant Ellie Bale**

METRICS	
5	Suspects arrested
21	Search warrants executed
29	Charges laid including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attempt murder using a restricted firearm or prohibited firearm</li><li>• Discharge firearm with intent</li><li>• Knowledge of unauthorized possession of a firearm</li><li>• Possession of weapons for a dangerous purpose</li><li>• Possession of a stolen weapon</li><li>• Possession of a weapon obtained by crime</li><li>• Possession of a firearm, ammunition</li><li>• Fail to comply recognizance</li><li>• Possession of a schedule 1 substance - cocaine</li></ul>

# Shots Fired in Broad Daylight

**Police descend on a residential neighbourhood after a shocking broad daylight shooting. A comprehensive investigation leads to the arrest of five suspects.**

On February 1, 2019, while children played nearby, shots rang out in a parking lot near Maple Avenue and Main Street in the Town of Milton.

When officers arrived on the scene, they located a male in a vehicle with a life-altering gunshot wound to the neck. Multiple suspects had fled in a vehicle, but according to witnesses, the suspects reportedly remained in the area. A thorough search of the area was conducted, which led to the recovery of a 9mm handgun and a .40 caliber handgun. K9 teams continued to scour the vicinity and ultimately located one of the suspects.

During a canvass of the area, members of the public assisted the investigation by providing witness statements and surveillance video.

Of instrumental importance, one witness was able to provide officers with the licence plate of the suspect vehicle.

This information, along with other investigative techniques, led to the identification of two additional suspects. At that time, the identity of an additional suspect was still unknown.

On February 3, 2019, with the assistance of the Intelligence Unit and the Tactical Rescue Unit, one of the suspects was located in Oakville and arrested. Subsequently, a Criminal

Code search warrant was executed at a house in Oakville and at the male’s residence in Milton.

Four days later, with the assistance of the Tactical Rescue Unit and K9 Unit, a Criminal Code search warrant was executed at another residence in Milton. This resulted in another identified male suspect being arrested. A thorough search of the house provided evidence confirming the identity of the final male suspect.

Further investigation into this suspect revealed that he was in the custody of another police service. He was brought before a judge to answer to the charges in relation to this case.

This was an extraordinarily complex investigation involving extensive resources from the 1 District, 2 District, and 3 District Criminal Investigations Bureau, Uniform officers Forensic Identification Services, Intelligence, the Drug and Human Trafficking Unit, the Mobile Surveillance Unit, and the Emergency Services Unit to identify and charge all five persons known to have participated in the events leading up to the exchange of gunfire.





# Enhanced Support for Survivors

## Enhancement of victim-centered sexual assault investigative process empowers and supports survivors of sexual assault

With the support of the Halton Police Board, the Halton Sexual Assault Advisory Committee (SAAC) was formed in 2017 as a result of national attention to the high rate of police clearing sexual assault cases as ‘unfounded.’ Comprised of community partners and external experts in the field of survivor support and counselling, the SAAC’s collaboration with the HRPS has effected significant change in how the Halton community responds to sexual assault and supports.

In 2017, the SAAC conducted an extensive review of the investigative process utilized by the HRPS and past investigations, provided feedback, and made formal recommendations regarding how the Service could enhance support of survivors of sexual assaults.

In 2019 the Service implemented an innovative new service delivery approach by designating a Victim Services Unit (VSU) support worker as the first point of contact for survivors of sexual assault. This change represents a bold shift from traditional investigative process where a police officer was the initial point of contact.

Guided by a Sexual Assault Information Guide, the VSU support workers ensure that victims are fully informed of their rights and options, while also provided with emotional support and compassion. Victims are informed of the sexual assault investigative process, the court process, coping strategies, and provided with information about community resources and supports. It is only after this initial meeting that a victim meets with an officer to begin the investigative process.

To complement this new approach, the SAAC developed and delivers a comprehensive training module to all HRPS officers. This enhanced training aims to ensure that survivors are met with continued compassion and support.

This novel, survivor-centred, trauma-informed approach to the sexual assault investigative process is a reflection of a shared belief between the HRPS and the SAAC that every survivor has the right to heal from crime and trauma.



The Sexual Assault Advisory Committee recognizes the essential need to have our community responses to sexual violence be trauma-informed and highly attuned to the needs of survivors. The collaboration of the community agencies and partners with the Halton Regional Police and justice has made tangible improvements to how we do our work. We believe these changes can allow survivors to increase their confidence in the systems available to support them.

**Chondrena Vieira-Martin**  
**Chair of the HRPS Sexual Assault Advisory Committee**  
**Executive Director - Thrive Counselling**







# What is police-reported hate crime?

Police-reported hate crime is defined as a criminal violation against a person or property motivated by hate, based on race, national or ethnic origin, language, colour, religion, sex, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, or any other similar factor.



Everyone in our community has the right to live, work and play in an environment free from fear.

Chief Stephen Tanner



# No Room for Hate

A series of hate-motivated incidents spawns dozens of tips, leading to the identification and arrest of two individuals.

According to Statistics Canada, there were nearly 1,800 criminal incidents in Canada in 2018 that were motivated by hate.

The psychological impact of hate crimes leaves victims and the targeted community-at-large traumatized, distressed, and fearing for their personal safety.

Over the course of two weeks in late spring 2019, hate-motivated messages were discovered at six locations in the City of Burlington, including the Burlington Art Gallery, Burlington City Hall, on private vehicles, and a traffic post. The messages included racist and Anti-Semitic language, imagery and other hate propaganda.

The Halton Regional Police Service issued an unequivocal public condemnation of any/all such incidents that impact or erode the community's sense of safety and well-being, and made a broad appeal for the public's assistance in identifying those responsible.

The Service's 3 District Criminal Investigations Bureau launched an extensive and complex investigation into these offences as hate crimes that willfully promote hatred.

Police received numerous tips and security footage from community partners and members of the general public that led to the positive identification of the first person of interest. Subsequently, the second person of interest was identified. Upon identification of both suspects, investigators sought approval by the Attorney General's Office to lay a charge of Willfully Promoting Hate, as required by the *Criminal Code of Canada*. Approval to proceed with charges was granted, and on October 4, 2019, the two males were arrested, charged and released for two counts of Willfully Promoting Hate.

This case was solved through a tremendous amount of teamwork and collaboration, leveraging both internal investigative resources and external / community engagement.

**We must all come together to prevent hate. Social harmony is everyone's responsibility.**

*Please be reminded that all persons charged are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*



# Regional Statistics

## Annual Totals

Category	2018	2019	2018-2019 Change	2018-2019 % Change
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### Violent Crime

Homicide	2	5	3	150.0%
Attempted Murder	5	4	-1	-20.0%
Sexual Assault	207	209	2	1.0%
Assault	1,473	1,288	-185	-12.6%
Other Sexual Offences	69	47	-22	-31.9%
Abduction/Forcible Confinement	35	21	-14	-40.0%
Robbery	96	117	21	21.9%
Other Violent Crime	435	459	24	5.5%
Violent Crime Total	2,322	2,150	-172	-7.4%

### Property Crime

Break & Enter	1,002	1,012	10	1.0%
Auto Theft	568	564	-4	-0.7%
Theft Over \$5,000	135	118	-17	-12.6%
Theft Under \$5,000	4,188	4,127	-61	-1.5%
Arson	18	18	0	0.0%
Fraud	1,137	1,201	64	5.6%
Mischief	871	978	107	12.3%
Other Property Crime	171	144	-27	-15.8%
Property Crime Totals	8,090	8,162	72	0.9%

## Annual Rates\*

(per 100,000 population)

2018	2019	2018-2019 % Change**
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0.3	0.8	144.3%
0.9	0.7	-21.8%
35	35	-1.3%
253	216	-14.5%
12	8	-33.4%
6	4	-41.4%
16	20	19.1%
75	77	3.1%
398	360	-9.5%

172	170	-1.3%
97	94	-3.0%
23	20	-14.6%
718	691	-3.7%
3	3	-2.3%
195	201	3.2%
149	164	9.7%
29	24	-17.7%
1,387	1,367	-1.4%

**Notes:** \* Totals and percentages may not always add up due to rounding. \*\* Per cent change based on unrounded rates

# Regional Statistics

## Annual Totals

Category	2018	2019	2018-2019 Change	2018-2019 % Change
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### Other Crime

Prostitution	0	0	0	0.0%
Gaming & Betting	0	0	0	0.0%
Offensive Weapons	97	108	11	11.3%
Other Criminal Code Offences	1,621	1,761	140	8.6%
Other Crime Total	1,718	1,869	151	8.8%

Total Crime	12,130	12,181	51	0.4%
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### Road Safety

Impaired	532	445	-87	-16.4%
Property Damage Collisions	8,647	9,107	460	5.3%
Injury Collisions	1,035	1,030	-5	0.5%
Fatal Collisions	12	10	-2	-16.7%

### Other Performance Indicators

Requests For Service	156,438	157,625	1,187	0.8%
Crime Clearance Rate	52.8%	50.8%	-1.9%	

Category	Citizen Complaints	Internal Investigations
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### Professional Standards

2018	86	19
2019	75	5

**Notes:** \* Totals and percentages may not always add up due to rounding. \*\* Per cent change based on unrounded rates



# District Statistics

## Annual Totals

Category	2018	2019	2018-2019 Change	2018-2019 % Change
One District (Milton and Halton Hills)				
Violent Crime	883	718	-165	-18.7%
Property Crime	2,422	2,412	-10	-0.4%
Other Crime	810	1,012	202	24.9%
Total Crime	4,115	4,142	27	0.7%
Reportable Motor Vehicle Collisions	2,973	3,210	237	8.0%

## Two District (Oakville)

Violent Crime	778	786	8	1.0%
Property Crime	2,836	2,890	54	1.9%
Other Crime	539	494	-45	-8.3%
Total Crime	4,153	4,170	17	0.4%
Reportable Motor Vehicle Collisions	3,257	3,382	125	3.8%

## Three District (Burlington)

Violent Crime	660	638	-22	-3.3%
Property Crime	2,819	2,836	17	0.6%
Other Crime	363	354	-9	-2.5%
Total Crime	3,842	3,828	-14	-0.4%
Reportable Motor Vehicle Collisions	3,390	3,513	123	3.6%

## Annual Rates\*

(per 100,000 population)

2018	2019	2018-2019 % Change**
One District (Milton and Halton Hills)		
444	347	-21.9%
1,218	1,165	-4.3%
407	489	20.0%
2,069	2,000	-3.3%
1,495	1,550	3.7%

375	370	-1.2%
1,366	1,361	-0.4%
260	233	-10.4%
2,000	1,963	-1.8%
1,568	1,592	1.5%

373	359	-3.7%
1,594	1,598	0.2%
205	199	-2.9%
2,173	2,157	-0.7%
1,917	1,979	3.2%

**Notes:** \* Totals and percentages may not always add up due to rounding. \*\* Per cent change based on unrounded rates

# Crime Stoppers

In its 31st year, Crime Stoppers of Halton is an independent, non-profit registered charity that helps solve crimes to keep our region safe by taking tips from anonymous sources. A tip is any information that you are aware of that might help law enforcement to either prevent or solve a crime. Countless criminals are brought to justice every year as a direct result of an anonymous tip from someone just like you. A tip can be about anything; drugs, theft, child abuse, human trafficking, terrorism, escaped criminals, and more. As a resident of Halton you are encouraged to keep a watchful eye on your community and report suspicious activity. Your call is anonymous and the appropriate officials will investigate all tips. The information you provide may help save lives.



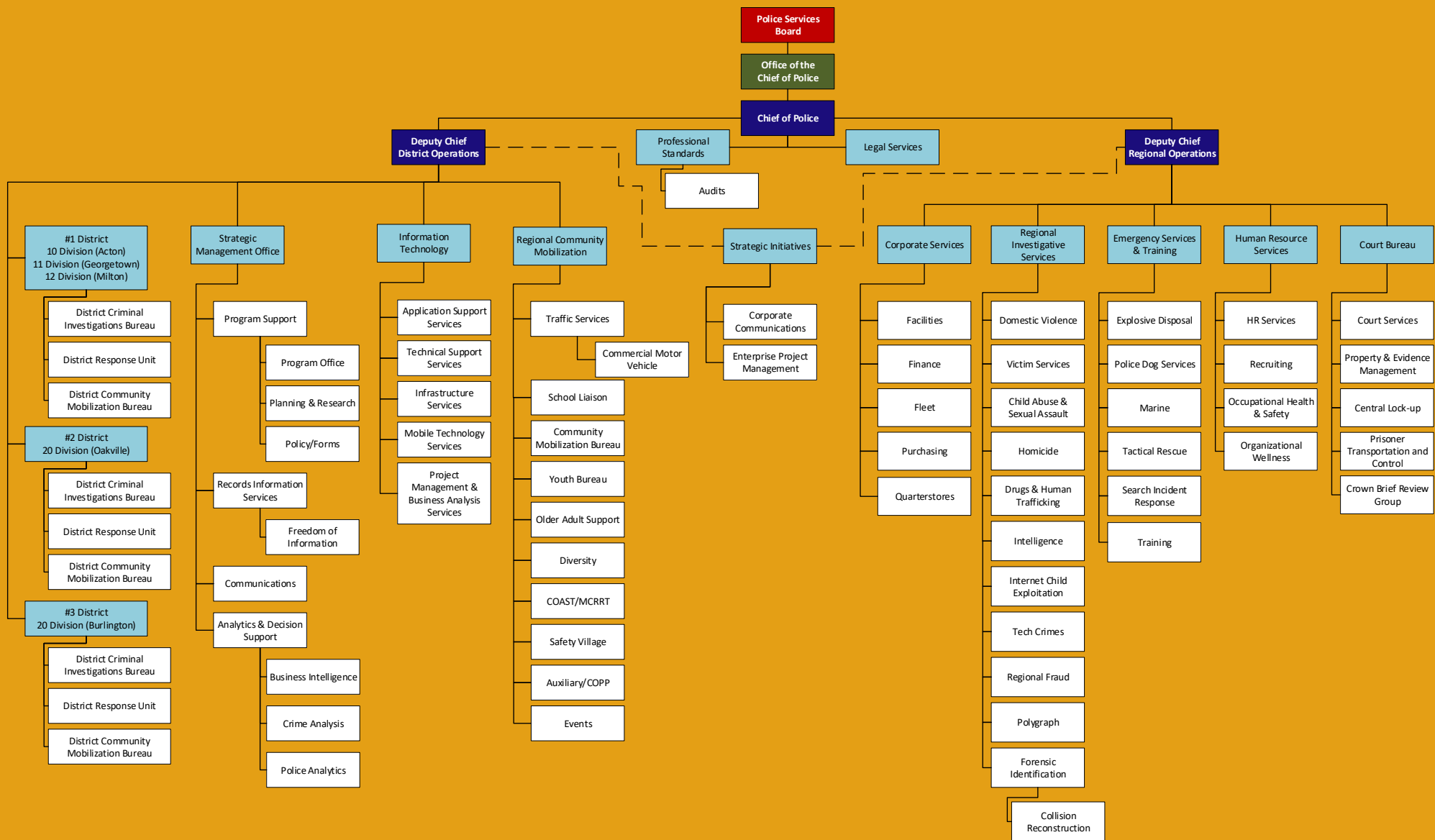
Category	2018	2019	Since 1988
Tips	1,270	1,246	21,123
Arrests	23	39	1,250
Cases Cleared due to Tips	25	61	2,261
Weapons Recovered	5	3	100
Rewards Approved	21	34	1,292
Reward Dollars Approved*	\$4,550	\$9,800	\$188,746
Narcotics Seized	\$43,750	\$26,920	\$18,169,003
Property Recovered	\$3,050	\$1,625	\$2,739,422
<b>Total Value (seized + recovered)</b>	<b>\$46,800</b>	<b>\$28,545</b>	<b>\$20,908,425</b>

\* Reward money is raised through fundraising events, individual donors and corporate partners.

**“See Something? Hear Something? Know Something? Contact Crime Stoppers”  
at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or through the web at [www.haltoncrimestoppers.ca](http://www.haltoncrimestoppers.ca).**



# Organizational Chart



# Find a Police Station

**3 District Burlington (30 Division)**  
3800 Constable Henshaw Blvd.  
Burlington, ON, L7M 3Y2  
905-825-4777

**1 District Georgetown (11 Division)**  
217 Guelph Street  
Georgetown, ON, L7G 4A8  
905-825-4777 or 905-878-5511

**Regional Headquarters**  
2485 North Service Road West  
Oakville, ON, L6M 3H8  
905-825-4777


**1 District Milton (12 Division)**  
490 Childs Drive  
Milton, ON, L9T 5G2  
905-825-4777 or 905-878-5511

**2 District Oakville (20 Division)**  
95 Oak Walk Drive  
Oakville, ON, L6H 0G6  
905-825-4777



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# Contact Us

**IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911**

## For Non-Emergency Requests

Main non-emergency line	905-825-4777
Acton non-emergency line	519-853-2111
Georgetown non-emergency line	905-873-0377
Milton non-emergency line	905-878-5511
Burlington non-emergency line	905-634-1831
TDD	1-800-990-8199

### Information Requests

Freedom of Information	905-825-4747 ext. 5192
Police Records Checks	905-825-4777 ext. 4712 recordchecks@haltonpolice.ca
Fingerprint Appointments (Police Record Check, Vulnerable Sector Screening or Volunteer Position)	905-825-4747 ext. 4731



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