

Over \$3 million for the Durham Regional Police Service

Protecting Communities by Enhancing Policing in the Region of Durham Over \$3 million for the Durham Regional Police Service will help fight crime and keep people safe.

The Durham Regional Police Service is receiving \$3,084,650.50 as part of the Ontario government's more than \$91 million investment to help protect families and communities across the province. The funding is being delivered through the Community Safety and Policing Grant Program and will combine the work that began during Project Salus (2022 CSP grant), focusing on protecting our borders through the expansion of marine patrol, improved monitoring through the integration of video technology, improvements to the Gun and Gang Unit, creation of a targeted retail theft team, and lastly, the development of a Field Intelligence Officer program.

"Nothing is more important than the safety of Whitby residents," said Lorne Coe, MPP. Whitby, and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children. Community and Social Services/Minister Colleges and Universities, Research Excellence and Security.

"Through this grant funding we are helping build a safer community, as well as ensuring that the Durham Regional Police Service has the tools they need do their jobs effectively and address the issues that matter most to hard working families."

The Durham Regional Police Service project is one of 127 projects being funded across the province for 2025-26. Of the 127 projects, 88 projects will address local priorities, and 39 projects will address provincial priorities, including gun and gang related violence, sexual violence and harassment, human trafficking, mental health and addictions, hate- motivated crime, housing and homelessness, and commercial/retail theft.

"Our government is delivering on our promise to protect Ontario and keep communities safe," said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. "Through this funding, we are helping to build safer communities by ensuring Ontario's police services have the resources they need to address local issues and improve the well-being of the people they serve."

The Community Safety and Policing Grant Program supports policing initiatives that focus on local or provincial priorities and provides eligible police services/boards and municipalities policed by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) with funding to deploy front- line officers where and when they are needed most.

"This funding strengthens our commitment to public safety by providing police with the resources they need to protect residents of Pickering-Uxbridge, and across Durham Region," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP for Pickering-Uxbridge.

"By investing over \$3 million in effective crime prevention, we are supporting frontline officers and fostering a safer, more secure community."

"Under the leadership of Premier Doug Ford and Minister Kerzner, our government continues to make law enforcement and community safety a top priority for Durham Region and across Ontario" said Todd McCarthy, MPP for Durham. "As building safer communities starts with strong partnerships, this investment reinforces our government's support for the Durham

providing them with the tools and resources they require to address Durham's unique policing and program needs moving forward."

"We are grateful for the Ontario government's continued investment in public safety. This funding allows us to build on the important work already underway to address the rise in violent crime. This includes focusing on protecting our borders through the expansion of marine patrol, improved monitoring through the integration of video technology,

Regional Police Service in improvements to the Gun and Gang Unit, the creation of a targeted retail theft team, and the development of a Field Intelligence Officer program. By enhancing policing resources here in Durham Region, Ontario is taking real action to protect communities and ensure our residents feel safe."

> - Chief Peter Moreira Durham Regional Police Service

> The Durham Regional Police Service has received more than \$15.7-million dollars from the Government of Ontario since 2018

NATIONAL TEST ALERT READY SYSTEM

On November 19th, a national test of the Alert Ready system took place. Your phone has the power to save a life. Only authorized government agencies can issue alerts. Together, government officials developed a specific list of the types of alerts that are considered a threat to life. These types of alerts should be broadcast immediately on television, radio and wireless devices. Below is a complete list and description of these alerts.

Alert Ready is Canada's emergency alerting system. Alert Ready delivers critical and potentially lifesaving alerts to Canadians through television, radio and LTE-connected and compatible wireless devices. The Alert Ready system was developed with many partners, including federal, provincial and territorial emergency management officials, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Pelmorex, the broadcasting industry and wireless service providers. Together, these partners Canadians receive alerts immediately and know when to take action to stay safe.

Types of alerts:

Fire - Urban Fire - An urban fire threatens multiple residential and/or commercial properties.

Industrial Fire - A large fire in an industrial building or complex that poses a threat to human health. Wildfire- A wildfire involves natural combustibles, such as grass, brush and trees.

Biological - A potentially dangerous and poisonous substance that is usually very unstable and can be easily transferred between living organisms.

Chemical - A chemical substance that, if misused or released, could result in serious injury or death.

Radiological - With sufficient concentration, a radiological substance. Drinking Water Contamination - When water quality is negatively affected and a boil-water advisory

may be raised, cautioning use by the public.

Hazardous - Explosive - A potentially dangerous substance or device that may explode.

Environmental - Air Quality - A decrease in air quality is caused by an elevated particulate count in the atmosphere that can negatively affect visibility or the health of individuals.

Falling Object - Natural or human-made materials at risk of falling, which may threaten people or prop-

Natural - Tornado - A tornado is a vortex of a violently rotating winds, often forming a funnel shaped cloud that is capable of damaging property and injuring people.

Flash Flood - Often occurring from river ice jams and excessive unexpected rainfall, a flash flood is the sudden onset of water causing immediate flooding. This event presents a unique danger to life and safety as there is little or no warning that this event will occur.

Earthquake - An earthquake is a sudden release of energy in the Earth's crust that creates seismic waves that can cause substantial damage, especially in urban environments.

Magnetic Storm - A magnetic storm is a worldwide disturbance of the Earth's magnetic field that can disable electronic devices and infrastructure.

Meteorite - A natural object of extraterrestrial origin (meteoroid) that passes through the atmosphere

and hits the ground.



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