

DURHAM REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE AUXILIARY UNIT 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



For over 47 years, the Durham Regional Police Service Auxiliary Unit has proudly provided volunteer community service to the citizens of Durham Region.



Message from A/Inspector Amanda Hoover

On behalf of all members of the Durham Regional Police Service, I express my most profound appreciation for the steadfast dedication and tireless efforts every one of you continually demonstrated in 2023. I had the pleasure of interacting with each of you throughout 2023 in various capacities; your commitment to the Durham Regional Police Service Auxiliary Unit unapologetically shone through as you spoke with incredible pride about the opportunity to represent the Durham Regional Police Service in our community.

2023 was a year in which the unit came together to support each other during the tragedy of the loss of a long-term member to a terrible illness. I had the honour and privilege to watch you provide support and compassion to the member and his wife, through countless hours of driving long distances to and from their home, to make sure she did not have to make that trip alone, hours spent visiting at the hospital, and ultimately your strong showing of support at the ceremony of remembrance. The camaraderie and sense of team were demonstrated so powerfully during those tough months, and I was humbled to watch this unfold.

As members of the Durham Regional Police Service Auxiliary Unit, in 2023 you collectively provided a total of **16,149 volunteer hours**, and assisted at **165 events!** All this while ending the year with only 59 members of an authorized strength of 90 members. This is a testament to your commitment to the Auxiliary Unit, the Service and our community to continue to provide support to so many events, as listed below in this report. With lower member numbers than usual, many of you had to volunteer your time at an even higher level than in previous years to ensure the continued success of these events. This was often a personal sacrifice for you and your loved ones, with increased time away from those important to you.

To combat the decreased number of active members in the Auxiliary Unit, a robust recruitment process took place starting in the spring of 2023, involving members of the Talent Acquisition Unit, the Education and Training Centre, the Auxiliary Liaison team, and the Auxiliary Unit Senior Officers. Numerous hours were spent reviewing the many applications, providing information sessions, selecting candidates for interviews, interview panels and background checks. We ended 2023 with the positive news that we would have approximately 30 new recruits to begin training in 2024.

As members of the Durham Regional Police Service Auxiliary Unit, you represent the Durham Regional Police Service, engaging with individuals, partners and stakeholders alongside our sworn and civilian members. As demonstrated in the attached letters of recognition, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Your presence at community events, outreach programs, and educational initiatives fosters positive relationships between Durham Regional Police Service, residents and visitors to the Region of Durham, building trust through your engagements and interactions. I have personally witnessed many of you at community events having conversations with members of the public of all ages, providing education and information, directing traffic and assisting with crowd control with confidence and professionalism.

Your participation in community events, providing traffic control, support in emergencies, and creating a secure environment while enhancing public safety are essential to the Service's success. Your efforts, regardless of the weather or time of day, contribute significantly to the safety and well-being of our community. You do this as a volunteer with a sense of pride and responsibility, which is admirable and respected.

I want to thank the Auxiliary NCO members – the Acting Sergeants, Sergeants, and Staff Sergeants who are the mainstay of the unit. Your dedication to your leadership roles and the additional responsibilities you take on in your supervisory capacity allow the unit to run seamlessly. You mentor, coach, train and guide the membership

with enthusiasm and vigor, ensuring the values and standards expected by the Durham Regional Police are met and exceeded. I see the pride you take in these roles, and I thank every one of you for your dedication; we could not do this without you!

In summary, I extend my deepest gratitude on behalf of the Durham Regional Police Service for your unwavering commitment to the Durham Regional Police Service Auxiliary Unit. Every single member is appreciated for your contributions and dedication. Your selflessness and sacrifice as a volunteer member of the Auxiliary Unit allows the Durham Regional Police Service to conduct countless events in the community we could not do without you, and for that, we are grateful!

Please also pass along our sincere thank you to your families and loved ones for the support they provide to you, allowing you to spend time away from them, as a part of the unit. We understand that their support is crucial and we are deeply grateful for it. I have had the privilege of speaking with some of your family and loved ones and can see the pride they have in the work you do in the community and you as individuals. They, too, play an integral part in the success of the Durham Regional Police Service Auxiliary Unit, and we want to provide them with this recognition as well.

With respect and sincere appreciation,

Amanda,

A/Inspector Community Safety and Well-Being Unit

Senior Non Commissioned Officers



Michael Cauchi
Auxiliary Staff Sergeant
Operations



Kelly Patterson
Auxiliary Staff Sergeant
Training and Development



Joshua Barry
Auxiliary Staff Sergeant
Administration

Non-Commissioned Officers



Peter Zimmermann
Auxiliary Sergeant
North Division



Heather Butler
Auxiliary Sergeant
North Division



Don Foster
Auxiliary Sergeant
East Division



Heather Drakes
Auxiliary Sergeant
East Division



Robert Kotsopoulos
Auxiliary Sergeant
Central West Division



Robert Hutchinson
Auxiliary Sergeant
Central East Division



Derrick Stein
Auxiliary Sergeant
West Division



Craig McCullagh
Auxiliary Sergeant
West Division



Mark Blackmore
Auxiliary Sergeant
Headquarters



Auxiliary Acting Sergeant
Graem Meterer



Auxiliary Acting Sergeant
Clint Neuls



Auxiliary Acting Sergeant
Michael Iannantuono



Auxiliary Acting Sergeant
Marianne Waldman



Auxiliary Acting Sergeant
Katie Dempsey



Auxiliary Acting Sergeant
David Chambers



**Auxiliary Social Media and
Corporate Communications**
George O'Toole

Auxiliary Unit Compliment - 2023

Authorized Strength - 90
Resignations - 13
Recruits - 0
3 Staff Sergeants, 10 Sergeants, 46 Constables
Year End Complement - 59

Resignations - 2023

BENNETT, Sonia 2084
MARCHIONE, Raffaele 2552
GALLAGHER, Rachel-- To DRPS 2594
CRASTO, Anthony (Tony) 2167
GRAHAM, Allan 2576
POW, Jason 2067

ARAB, Luqman 2589
CURTIS, Justin 2592
CHIAVATTI, Kevin 2583
SPAGNUOLO, Michelle-- To TPS 2545
PARDOE, Monica--To OPP special 2537
PIDWERBECKI, Ron2509
SCHMIDT, Brent 2541

Sharon Bowdring Auxiliary Officer of the Year Award

The Sharon Bowdring Auxiliary Officer of the Year Award was created in memory of Sharon Bowdring who was one of the 13 original members of the Auxiliary Unit when it formed in 1977. After serving only a few years, Sharon passed away and members felt something should be created in her honour. With approval of Chief Jon Jenkins, the award was created.

The Auxiliary Officer of the Year is awarded based on characteristics such as reliability, strong commitment, presenting a positive and professional image, enthusiasm, a solid team player and being a good mentor to fellow officers.

Congratulations to our 2023 award recipient Auxiliary Constable Michael Iannantuono.



**2023 Auxiliary Officer of the Year
Auxiliary Constable Michael Iannantuono**

Senior / Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year Award



Auxiliary Staff Sergeant Kelly Patterson

Years of Service Milestones



**Auxiliary Constable Aric Davies
20 Years of Service**

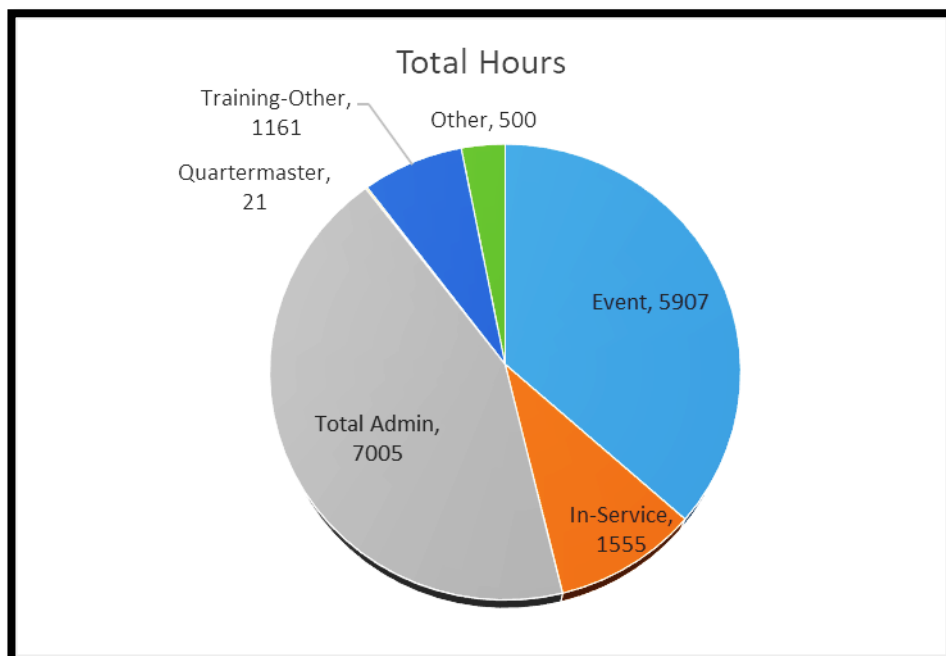
Hours and Mileage Statistics - 2023

Auxiliary Unit - **Total Combined Hours** - 16,149

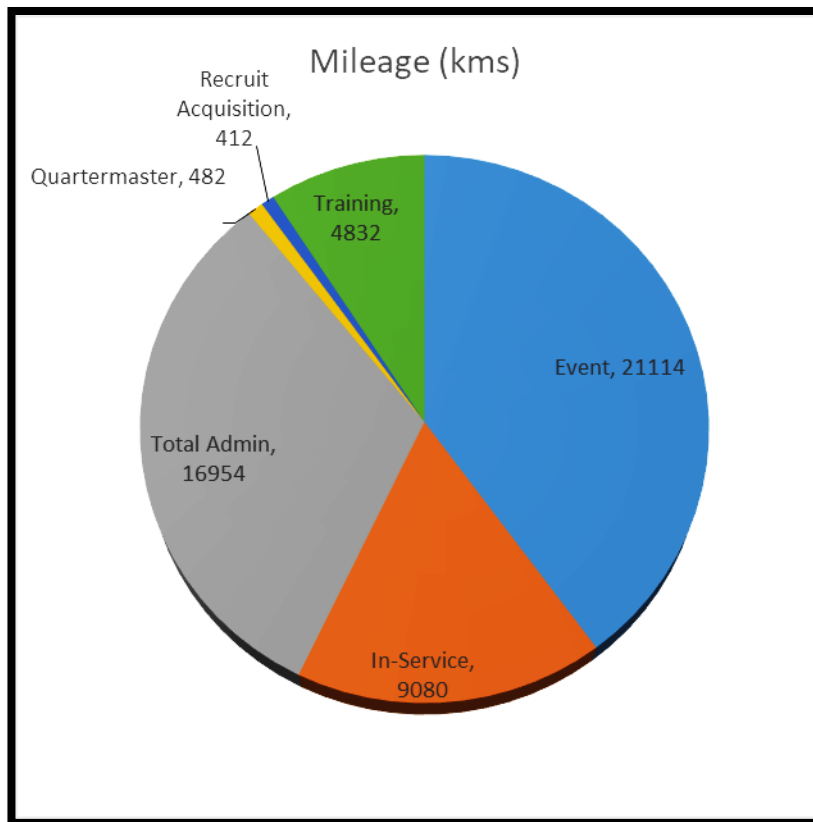
Auxiliary Unit – **Total Combined Mileage** - 54,924(kms)

Total **Event Hours** - 5,907
 Total **Event Mileage** – 21,114(kms)
 Total **In-Service Hours** - 1,555
 Total **In-Service Mileage** - 9,080
 Total **Admin Hours (Incl. VR)** - 7,005
 Total **Admin Mileage** - 16,954
 Total **QM Hours** - 21
 Total **QM Mileage** - 482
 Total **Training Hours (Incl. ETC, Drill, other E-learning)** - 1161
 Total **Training Mileage** - 4832

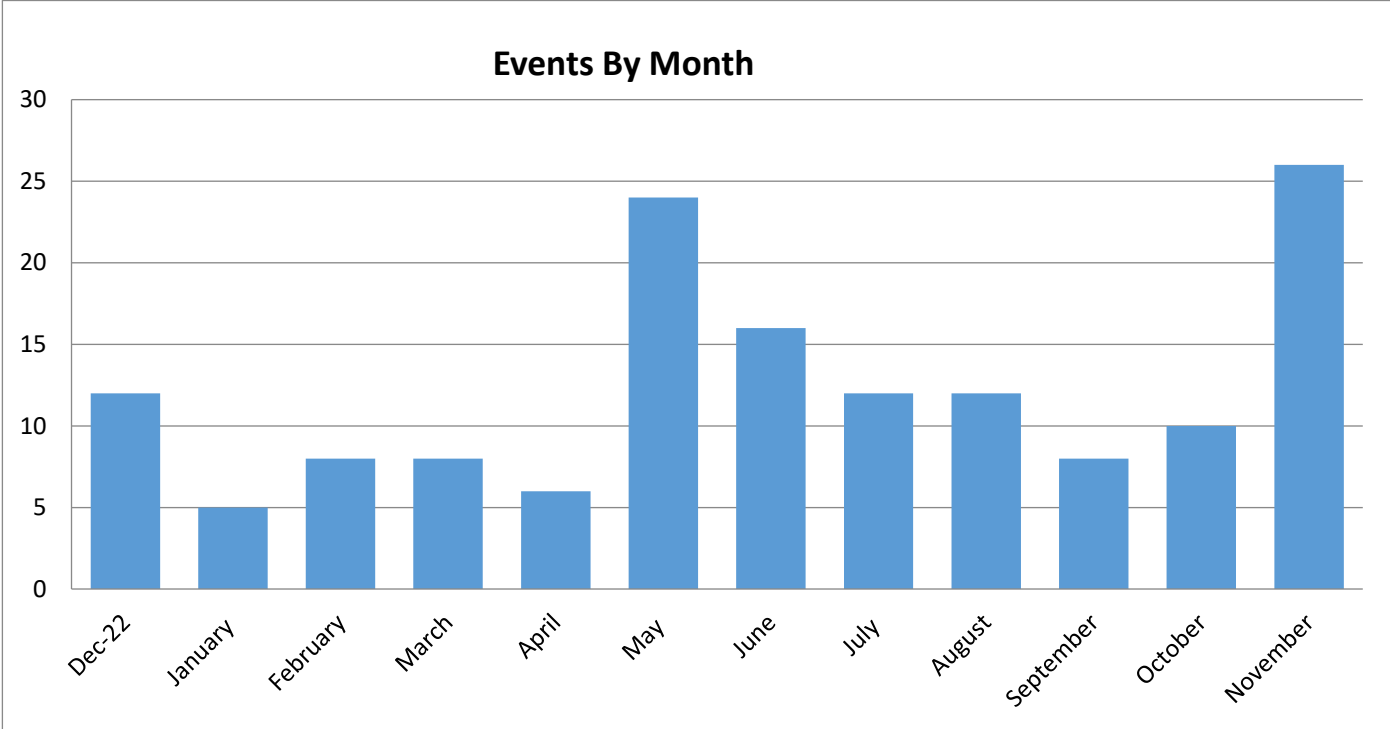
Category	Hours
Event	5907
In-Service	1555
Total Admin	7005
Quartermaster	21
Training-Other	1161
Other	500
Totals	16149



Category	Mileage
Event	21114
In-Service	9080
Total Admin	16954
Quartermaster	482
Recruit Acquisition	412
Training	4832
Other-ETC,OTC,Elearning	2050
Total	54924



Community Events by Month



Community Events by Division

15 Division (North) 18 events

(221203-6) Port Perry Santa Claus Parade - Event (
(221210-4) Sunderland Santa Claus Parade - Event (
(221220-1) 15 Division Cram-A-Cruiser - Event
(230225-2) Coldest Night of The Year - Event
(230610) Port Perry Pride Parade - Event
(230610-1) Motorcycle Ride for Dad - Event
(230625) Run For the Diamond - Event
Canada Day 2023 - Event
(230812) Beaverton Cram-A-Cruiser
(230826) Jennifer Ashleigh Barbeque - Event
(230916-Saturday) DRPS North Durham Community Day - Event

(230917-2-Sunday) Terry Fox Run Uxbridge - Event
(231111 - Saturday) Uxbridge Remembrance Day - Event
(231111 - Saturday) Beaverton Remembrance Day Parade - Event
(231111-Saturday) Sunderland Remembrance Day - Event
(231117-1-Friday) Beaverton Santa Claus Parade - Event
(231118-Saturday-AM) Uxbridge Santa Claus Parade - Event
(231125-1- Saturday) Cannington Santa Claus Parade - Event

16 Division (East) 45 events

2022-12-06 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-01-17 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-01-18 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-05-16 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-05-17 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-06-09 00:00:00	Bowmanville Rotary Rib and Brews
2023-06-09 00:00:00	Bowmanville Rotary Ribs and Brews
2023-06-11 00:00:00	Bowmanville Rotary Rib and Brews
2023-07-01 00:00:00	Canada Day 2023
2023-07-08 00:00:00	CTMP Sportscar Grand Prix
2023-07-09 00:00:00	CTMP Sportscar Grand Prix
2023-08-19 00:00:00	Bethesda House-Walk a mile in her shoes
2023-08-19 00:00:00	CTMP Canadian Superbike Triple Header
2023-09-09 00:00:00	Orono Agricultural Parade
2023-09-18 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-09-19 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-09-20 00:00:00	Bethesda House Take Back the Night
2023-09-20 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-09-21 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-09-25 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-09-26 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-09-27 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-09-28 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-10-02 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-10-17 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-10-19 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-10-23 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-10-24 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-10-25 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-10-26 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-10-30 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-11-04 00:00:00	Newtonville Remembrance Day Service
2023-11-05 00:00:00	Orono Remembrance Day Service and Parade
2023-11-11 00:00:00	Newcastle Remembrance Day service
2023-11-11 00:00:00	Bowmanville Santa Parade

2023-11-11 00:00:00	Bowmanville Remembrance Day parade
2023-11-15 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-11-17 00:00:00	BIA Newcastle Town Hall lighting
2023-11-19 00:00:00	Newcastle Santa Clause Parade
2023-11-19 00:00:00	Bowmanville Santa Parade
2023-11-23 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training
2023-11-25 00:00:00	Orono Santa Clause Parade
2023-11-28 00:00:00	CP Holiday Train
2023-11-29 00:00:00	Body Worn Camera Training

17 Division (Central East) 13 events

(221204) Lock it or lose it- Crime Prevention Camp
(230529) Oshawa Downtown Summer Collaborative Init
(230618) Fiesta Week - Day
(230618-1) Fiesta Week - Aft
(230629) Chief Derrick Clarks Retirement Ceremony
Canada Day 2023
(230818) Rotary Ribfest
(230819-2) Rotary RibFest
(230825) Kars on King
(230921-Thursday) Take Back the Night
(231001-Sunday) CIBC Run For a Cure
(231111-1- Saturday) Oshawa Remembrance Day Ceremony
(231118-2-Saturday-PM) Oshawa Santa's Parade of Lights

18 Division (Central West) 23 events

2022-12-03	Whitby Santa Claus Parade
2023-02-03	Parasport Games- Opening Ceremonies
2023-02-05	Parasport Medal Ceremonies
2023-04-01	CW Division Auto Theft community awareness
2023-04-07	KSV Easter in the Village
2023-04-08	KSV Easter in the Village
2023-05-31	Brooklin Fair
2023-06-01	Brooklin Fair Parade
2023-06-02	Brooklin Spring Fair
2023-06-03	Brooklin Fair Parade
2023-06-11	Whitby Community Day
2023-07-01	Canada Day 2023
2023-07-03	Vimy Loyal Orange Lodge Parade

2023-07-30	Oshawa Funeral Home Annual Car Show
2023-09-12	Law Enforcement Torch Run
2023-09-15	Brooklin Harvest Festival
2023-09-16	Brooklin Harvest Festival
2023-10-26	Kids Safety Village Halloween
2023-10-27	Kids Safety Village Halloween
2023-11-11	Whitby Remembrance Day Ceremony
2023-11-11	Brooklin Remembrance Day Ceremony
2023-11-22	35th annual Food and Toy Drive launch
2023-11-24	Whitby Lights the Night and Christmas Festival

19 Division (West) 23 events

2022-12-14	Cop Shop
2023-02-11	Claremont Winter Festival
2023-03-25	19 Division Door-to-Door Canvass
2023-04-08	West Division Easter Parade
2023-05-13	Old Navy Community Day
2023-05-15	Recruit Graduation 2023
2023-06-04	Ajax Pride Parade
2023-06-04	D- Day Parade, Pickering
2023-06-11	Ajax NOCC Crime Prevention Initiative
2023-06-24	Mayors BBQ
2023-06-25	Ajax Trailfest
2023-07-01	Canada Day 202
2023-09-17	Terry Fox Run Pickering
2023-09-23	DRPS West Division Community Day 2023
2023-10-14	Ajax Pumpkinville
2023-11-05	DRPS Children's Games
2023-11-06	OACP-DRPS Crime Prevention Week
2023-11-08	OACP-DRPS Crime Prevention Week
2023-11-11	Remembrance Day- Ajax
2023-11-11	Pickering Remembrance Day
2023-11-24	Winter Nights - City Lights
2023-11-25	Ajax Santa Claus Parade
2023-11-25	Pickering Santa Claus Parade

HQ Division (DRPS) 43 events

2022-12-17	DRPS Food and Toy Drive Cram-A-Cruiser Bowmanville
2022-12-17	DRPS Food and Toy Drive Cram-A-Cruiser - Ajax Supe
2022-12-17	34th annual DRPS Food and Toy Drive Cram-A-Cruiser
2022-12-17	DRPS Food and Toy Drive Cram-A-Cruiser - Oshawa
2023-01-04	Funeral Service for Fallen OPP officer
2023-01-21	YIP Impact Youth Forum
2023-01-30	DRPS Recruit Graduation - Event
2023-02-07	Standardized Field Sobriety Testing - D
2023-02-08	Standardized Field Sobriety Testing - D
2023-02-08	Standard Field Sobriety Testing - Consumption
2023-02-11	Special Olympics Basketball Tournament
2023-02-23	National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
2023-03-22	DRPS - Diversity Advisory Committee Town
2023-03-24	DRPS Change Of Command Ceremony
2023-03-29	YIP Graduation Ceremony
2023-04-20	Suits for Youths - Event
2023-05-03	Leadership and Motivational Seminar
2023-05-03	ETC Actors for Recruit Training
2023-05-07	Ontario Police Memorial
2023-05-07	ETC Actors for Recruit Training
2023-05-07	Ontario Police Memorial
2023-05-13	NOCC Crime Initiative in Whitby
2023-05-13	Old Navy Community Day
2023-05-15	Recruit Graduation 2023
2023-05-15	National Police Week 2023
2023-05-15	Recruit Graduation 2023
2023-05-16	National Police Week 2023
2023-05-30	Standard Field Sobriety Testing - Driver
2023-06-11	Whitby Community Day
2023-06-13	Standard Field Sobriety Testing - Driver
2023-07-27	Ripple Effect Youth Forum
2023-08-23	YIP CAN Conference
2023-08-24	2023 Youth in Policing Summer Graduation
2023-09-14	Exemplary Service Awards
2023-09-02	National Police Memorial - Event
2023-09-26	Recruit Graduation 2023-2
2023-09-28	Chief for a day finalist competition
2023-10-03	Standard Field Sobriety Testing - Drivers
2023-10-19	PADAN - Police Appreciation Dinner and Awards Nights
2023-10-21	Project Clearwater
2023-10-25	Standard Field Sobriety Testing - Consumption
2023-11-04	Auxiliary Candidate Interview

Letters of Appreciation

I Just wanted to update you on the very successful NOCC initiative held in CE Division today. A great partnership between Uniform Patrol/Community Safety-Crime Prevention Unit and the Auxiliary Unit, resulted in the following below.

A Total of 521 residential homes were canvassed, with a successful contact of 337 homes and 180 unsuccessful attempts. It was an overwhelming positive interaction for our members and the public. Echoes of praise were heard by every officer as they received gratitude, compliments and safe wishes from various homeowners.

First off, a special Thank You to Cst. Brandon Hammond for his initiative and leadership today.

I also wish to thank the auxiliary unit and uniform officers for their unwavering commitment and professionalism in assisting and educating the public today with these very important neighborhood campaigns.

Senior Cst. Darryl Rice #3309

Hello all,

I just wanted to thank everyone for helping out on our NOCC initiative today.

We were able to connect with the residents who reside within the 83 zone that have been targeted by property offences as of late. Evensong Dr, Pheasant St, Kilberry Dr, Beech St, Bradley Dr and Hickory St were all visited.

Thanks to CIB/Melissa for providing the information regarding the increase in crime, auxiliary units and members of 18B for getting the information out there, and A/Sgt Gomez for organizing. It was a fantastic team effort. Several of the residents I spoke with expressed their gratitude for our presence.

Thanks again,

Sergeant Annie ORMONDE #3379

I just wanted to update you all on what was an absolutely amazing day of generous giving across the Region of Durham in support of the 32nd Annual DRPS Food and Toy Drive.

All 6 stores were overwhelmed by the public's support and generosity. Every agency benefitted beyond what was expected. Several trips to and/or pick-ups were needed just in order to stay on top of it all.

I wanted to take this opportunity to once again thank the auxiliary unit for their assistance. Trying to organize/coordinate such an event today is a lot of work, and thus requires the resources to make it happen. This would not have been possible today without the assistance from the men and women of the Auxiliary Unit. They continue to participate with enthusiasm and professionalism. Please be sure to pass along to them, how much they are appreciated.

Thanks again, everyone. Today was once again an indication that this will be the "BEST" year ever, and COVID will NOT slow us down.

Be safe and Be well
Thanks
Senior Cst.Darryl Rice #3309
Crime Prevention Unit

As you can see via the email distribution list, I have forwarded your list of involved members to my supervision team, as well as Divisional Inspector. The work you and your auxiliary staff do is often overlooked; however, I wanted my supervisors and Inspector to know who, from your membership, was involved in this initiative today. Your staff did an outstanding job bringing awareness of this ongoing crime trend to one of the Region's busiest commercial entities. I have no doubt that your work there today will have an impact in regard to our incidents, as well as help the people we serve in safeguarding their property.

Again, thank you for your hard work today!

Respectfully,

JBD. PC Jeremy BIRD-DAWSON #3791

Hello Everyone

Just an update regarding this evening's "Lock it or Lose it" initiative in Ajax.

A total of 6 residential communities were canvassed/educated this evening regarding NOCC crime trends, (vehicle entries and thefts) as well as promoting the DRPS camera registry program.

A total of 385 homes were canvassed!!

272 direct contacts were made at the door and 113 were unavailable

First off, I want to thank the leadership of 19Divs and Community Safety for your support. I also want to thank my fellow officers (Bisson-Moser, Milton and Legge) and the CIB assistance of Maclver and Gordon who also kitted up and hit the pavement in uniform.

To the Auxiliary Unit, I wish to once again extend my gratitude for your commitment and continued professionalism. All those who participated this evening, did it without complaints, while braving the rain on a damp, dark and cool evening.

Praises were all around this evening as the community thanked the police for being out and doing what we do. Many were either unaware of the crimes that had occurred, while others mentioned they had heard it on 680 News (coincidence that it was also being promoted by our neighbouring Police Services on the same date).

"Nevertheless," it was a very successful night, and once again, a great way to promote the amazing work done by "ALL" of our members.

Aux. Insp POW, please be sure to thank your unit again on my behalf

Thank you again, everyone; I greatly appreciate all of you!!

If I and/or the Community Safety Branch and Crime Prevention Unit can be on continued assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Senior Cst.Darryl Rice #3309
Crime Prevention Unit

Hello Inspector

I just wanted to give a shoutout to Aux Sgt Stein and his Team. They did a great job keeping everyone safe for this year's Ajax Santa Claus Parade.

It's impressive to have such a dedicated group of volunteers supporting the front line.

PC. K Minister #3215
West Division Uniform Patrol C Platoon
905-579-1520
Ext:2521

Hi Clint,

Thank you so much for the accolades.

We couldn't do what we do without the support of the DRPS and the Auxiliary officers.

I understand the parade was a success, and this a direct result of teamwork with all groups.
Good luck on the remainder of the parade season.

All the best!

