




HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE

INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Hamilton Police Services Board
BOARD MEETING DATE:	Friday, May 21, 2021
SUBJECT:	Year-end Report: Youth Crime 2020
REPORT NUMBER:	21-047
SUBMITTED BY:	Frank Bergen, Chief of Police
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The attached Appendix “A” – Year-end Report – Youth Crime 2020 provides an outline of youth crime and trends in 2020;
- The report demonstrates the continued commitment of youth and community engagement by the Hamilton Police Service (HPS);
- The report encompasses the overall approach to youth crime and services for 2020 as guided by our Strategic Approach to Youth Crime

INFORMATION

The total number of youth (ages 12 – 17) involved in crime in the City of Hamilton for 2020 was 907. This represents an overall decrease of 16.7% youth involved in crime, whereas the national decrease is 4%.

- Youth Involved in violent crimes decreased by 22.7% in 2020 from 2019
- Youth involved in property crimes decreased by 36.2% in 2020 from 2019
- Youth involved in drug offences decreased by 50.5% in 2020 from 2019

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The Hamilton Police Service continued developing innovative and strategic approaches to assist our youth in partnership with our community relating to safety, engagement, education and consultation to decrease youth crime, violent crime, wherever possible.

The HPS Youth Coordinator, Community Service, School Liaison and Divisional Youth Officers continued to participate with intelligence led policing liaising with Front Line Officers, the Crime Prevention Unit and Investigative Services addressing youth crime prevention, intervention and suppression initiatives, such as the Strategic Targeted Offender Program (STOP), the Extrajudicial Measure Diversion Program and Hamilton Youth Dug Diversion Program.

In 2020, the goals of Hamilton Police Youth Services were adopted by the HPS 2019-2021 Business Plan:

- **Community Safety**: *to ensure the safety of the communities we serve.*
- **Engagement an Partnerships**: *to foster effective relationships with all of our communities.*
- **People and Performance**: *to increase professional development, leadership and training opportunities.*

The 2020 Youth Services Annual Report outlines the internal and external programs and initiatives in which HPS and community partners engaged in collaboratively to reduce youth crime, victims of crime and harm reduction within our communities to contribute to the achievement of these goals.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED:

Appendix "A" - Hamilton Police Service – 2020 Youth Services Annual Report

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cc: Ryan Diodati, Deputy Chief – Support
Will Mason, Superintendent – Community Mobilization Division
Michelle Wiley, Acting Inspector – Community Mobilization Division

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