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Halton crime rate hits historic low

Halton Region's crime rate reached an all-time low in 2011.

With a drop of 10.4% in the rate Halton is seeing its lowest crime rate since regionalization in 1974.

The crime rate is the number of offences committed per 100,000 people.

In Halton specifically, there were 1,259 fewer criminal offences reported in 2011 (13,678) as compared to 2010 (14,937), according to the Halton Regional Police Service's year-end crime statistics, which were presented at Police Services Board meeting last week.

When Regional population growth is taken into account, this represents a significant 10.4% decrease in the overall crime rate since last year—and the lowest rate in 37 years.

"When a community that is already as safe as Halton sees this kind of significant decline in criminal offences, it speaks volumes about how effectively everyone, including the police, the public, our community partners, and the media are working together for public safety," said Chief Gary Crowell.

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Diving into competition

Eleven-year-old Payton Shelley dives into the pool during the Heat 1 Finals in the girls 11 Year Olds 200SC Meter IM at the recent Halton Cup 3 Invitational swim meet. The meet was held between Halton Hills Blue Fins and Milton Marlins at the Georgetown High School

pool— The Blue Fins won the Halton Cup. Payton came fifth in her race.

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