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NEWS

**SUSPECTS ARRESTED OFTEN A FRIEND, DOMESTIC PARTNER OR RELATIVE OF VICTIM**

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out that, for the vast majority of these homicides, the suspect arrested was a friend, domestic partner or relative of the victim.

Other recent non-fatal violent incidents in Halton have included a tow-truck driver struck by a vehicle on Aug. 27 in Oakville, a stabbing in an Oakville Swiss Chalet parking lot on Aug. 22, a stabbing in a Burlington apartment on Aug. 25 and shots fired at a Burlington home on Aug. 10.

With the exception of the shooting, an arrest has been made in each of these incidents or a suspect has been located.

Although crime statistics are not currently available for 2019 a report presented to the Halton police board found that, despite the overall crime rate in Halton dropping in 2018, violent crime was on the increase.

The report featured data obtained by the Niche records management system and presented an overview of crime statistics in Halton from January to June 2018.

It noted that while there were 35 more criminal incidents in 2018 (5,666) than during the same period in 2017 (5,631), overall this represented a 1.7 per cent decrease in the crime rate when regional population growth was taken into account.

In a breakdown of the different types of crime, the report noted that violent crime, which includes various forms of assault, robbery and attempted murder, was up 9.8 per cent, to 1,150 incidents in 2018, from 1,047 incidents in 2017.

The report noted this represents a violent crime rate increase of 7.3 per cent when population growth is

**HALTON HOMICIDES**



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considered.

Despite this, Tanner noted at the time that the overall message in the report was a positive one for Halton.

"Matching the pattern seen across much of the western world, crime rates have declined since the early 1990s and, as of 2017, remained close to the lowest levels experienced in Halton's history," said Tanner.

"Recently released data from Statistics Canada indicates that Halton's 2017

crime rate was lower than every major police service in Ontario."

**STORY BEHIND THE STORY:**

In the wake of a series of homicides and violent crimes in Halton we wanted to find out if violence in the region is on the increase. To find this out we looked at the most recent homicides as well as Halton homicides dating back to 2013. We also examined crime statistics from previous years.