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Halton police report shows increase in crime in 2021.

EIGHT FINDINGS FROM HALTON POLICE REPORT ON CRIME IN 2021

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Crime in Halton experienced a bit of a rebound in 2021, according to Halton police.

Here are eight significant changes in 2021 crime statistics Halton police reported during a meeting of the police board earlier this year.

- There were 1,643 more criminal offences reported in Halton in 2021 (11,496) compared to 2020 (9,853). This works out to an increase of 14.1 per cent when regional population growth is taken into account. There were 12,174 criminal offences reported in Halton in 2019.

- There were 2,091 incidents of violent crime reported in 2021 (assaults, robberies, attempted murders and more) compared to 2,160 in 2020. This represents a decrease of 5.3 per cent when population growth is considered. Police said these crimes accounted for 18.2 per cent of all criminal offences in Halton 2021, which is down from 21.9 per cent in 2020. There were 2,150 violent

crime incidents in 2019.

- There was a 15 per cent increase in property crime (such as break-ins, theft) from 6,490 incidents in 2020 to 7,461 incidents in 2021. There were 8,150 property crime incidents reported in 2019.

- Other crimes (disturbing the peace, bail violations, prostitution and more) were up 61.8 per cent from 1,203 incidents in 2020 to 1,944 in 2021. Police said this increase was driven primarily by administration of justice violations due to the resumption of court operations in the wake of pandemic lockdowns.

- Motor vehicle collisions were 0.6 per cent higher with 6,208 crashes in 2021 compared to 6,170 crashes in 2020. Property damage collisions were down from 5,498 to 5,435 (-1.1 per cent). Injury collisions were up 15.4 per cent from 664 in 2020 to 766 in 2021. Fatal collisions decreased slightly from 8 in 2020 to 7 in 2021.

- Impaired driving apprehensions were up 12.1 per cent in 2021 from 437 incidents the previous year

to 490.

- Some of the crimes on the rise in Halton include: auto theft which is up 59.4 per cent from 547 incidents in Halton in 2020 to 872 incidents in 2021. Theft over \$5,000 also saw a 56.8 per cent rise from 88 incidents to 138. Fraud saw a 22.5 per cent increase from 830 incidents to 1,017. Instances of sexual assault also rose 28.3 per cent from 166 incidents to 213. On the other hand, homicides and attempted homicides each experienced a 50 per cent drop in 2021 with two homicides and four attempted homicides taking place. Robberies were down 20 per cent in 2021 with 68 incidents compared to 85 in 2020. Arson saw the biggest decrease, 70.6 per cent, with five incidents taking place in 2021 compared to 17 in 2020.

- The crime clearance rate in Halton was 43.8 per cent in 2021, which is down from 52.1 per cent in 2020. The rate was at 51 per cent in 2019. The clearance rate is the percentage of the total number of crimes that occur, which are solved (cleared).

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