

UPGRADED CRIME MAP FEATURES COMPREHENSIVE DATA

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ping tool offers an at-a-glance snapshot of events by crime type across the region. Key features of the tool include:

- The ability to set filters by date, incident type, and municipality
- A table displaying all occurrences currently visible
- A chart which shows a total number of each occurrence type visible in the current map
- A chart showing the total number of occurrences in each municipality, with columns divided by occurrence type
- A chart showing the total number of each occurrence type, with columns divided by municipality
- A chart showing the total number of occurrences by day
- Ability to change the

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base map that is displaying data

- A new pop-up box with additional information on the selected occurrence

"Providing reliable, timely data to the communities we serve is one of our top priorities," said police Chief Stephen Tanner.

"An informed public is a safer public. Sharing the scope and type of crime taking place in our region in this way enables residents and visitors to play an active role in keeping themselves and their families safe."

Crime mapping data



Graham Paine/Metroland

Halton police's crime map offers an at-a-glance look at events by crime type across the region.

displayed through the tool includes police-dispatched calls for homicide, attempted murder, offensive weapons, drug-related offences, assault, robbery, break and enter, property damage, theft, and various traffic-related offences such as impaired driving.

Some occurrences, such as intimate partner violence, are not included on the map.

Data is also stripped of exact addresses and other identifying information. Instead, occurrences are pinned to intersections in the vicinity of where they

took place to give people an overall snapshot of crime in the area they are searching.

While somewhat concerned that the map could make Halton appear to be an overly dangerous region, Carolyn McMinn said she believes that if kept up

to date the tool would be beneficial.

"On the face of it, it does look like a very useful tool," said the Halton resident.

Hamilton, Durham, York, Peel and Toronto police all currently have some kind of crime mapping feature available to the public online.

Halton police said it is important to note that the map data is based on dispatched calls, not completed investigations, therefore incident codes are subject to change.

For additional information about the tool, visit <https://www.haltonpolice.ca/en/news-and-updates/crime-map.aspx>.

STORY BEHIND THE STORY: With the launch of Halton police's enhanced crime map, we wanted to share details of the upgraded law enforcement tool, as well as what the police chief and residents think about it.

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