



Intimate Partner Violence

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Domestic Violence Investigative Unit

The Domestic Violence Investigative Unit (DVIU) was formed in January 2009 and is part of Regional Investigative Services.

The DVIU is comprised of:

- 1 Staff Sergeant (Manager).
- 4 Detectives (Sergeants/Team Supervisors).
- 16 Detective Constables – DV investigators.
- 2 Detective Constables – Offender Management.
- 1 Civilian – Domestic Violence Victim Coordinator.



Intimate Partner Violence

Any use of physical or sexual force, actual or threatened, in an intimate relationship, including emotional/psychological abuse or harassing behaviour. Although both women and men can be victims of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), the overwhelming majority of this violence involves men abusing women.



Halton Intimate Partner Violence Stats

	2016	2017	2018	2019
IPV Calls for service	2883	3156	3320	3613
Arrests	611	640	733	842
Charges	1278	1346	1451	1548



Strategic Priority #2

Reduce **crime trends** in priority areas across the Region through targeted information sharing, cross-agency partnership, and public education.

Unit Goals

- Continue to be a contributing committee member of the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee, HVPC, DVCAC and HARRT
- Continue to evaluate and mitigate risk
- Continue to complete community presentations as required, to ensure members of the public are educated
- Ensure Victims are supported with appropriate resources and provided safety planning and advice



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DVIU Community Initiatives

- Media Releases.
- Public Education.
- Supporting Victims.



Media Releases

Reinforce that no one has the right to abuse another person.

Encourage victims and witnesses to contact the Halton Regional Police Service.

Remind Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence [They Are Not Alone.](#)

Provide a comprehensive list of community resources for those affected.



NEWS Special weather statement regarding "significant snowfall" in effect for Halton

Man charged after allegedly calling woman 200 times in one day: Halton Police

by Anthony Urckoff on February 12, 2020
in Cawville, Burlington, Milton, News, Crime

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The Halton Regional Police Service laid harassment charges on an unnamed male who they say stalked a female.

The Release info

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After meeting through an online dating platform in the summer of 2019, a male and female were involved in an intimate partnership. The two had no children together and resided apart.

Earlier this year, the female ended the relationship with the male after he attended her place of work despite her being not to do so.

The male then repeatedly attempted to contact the female by phoning and texting her. In one single day, the male phoned the female more than 200 times, using both caller ID, and no caller ID, and even while the victim was filing a report with police, the male's phone calls persisted. The male continued to send texts, threatening to attend the victim's place of work.

Through an investigation, the officers developed reasonable grounds that the male was criminally harassing the victim, contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada.

The male was arrested, charged with Criminal Harassment, and was released on an Unpacking the very next day, he sent a text to the victim and was subsequently re-arrested for Breaching an Undertaking and was held for bail.

Upon reporting this crime the victim was referred to the Halton Regional Police Service Domestic Violence Victim Coordinator within our Victim Services Unit. The Victim Services Unit connects victims to appropriate support services in the community, assists with safety planning and victim care, and, through the Victim Quick Response Program (VQRP), can provide immediate short-term financial support toward essential expenses for victims of violent crime.

Please note: These allegations have not yet been proven in court.

No further details will be provided regarding this investigation.

Every person has the right to feel safe in our community.

You are not alone. Victims of intimate partner violence or sexual assault and witnesses are encouraged to contact the Halton Regional Police Service. The following is a list of valuable support services and resources in Halton Region for victims of intimate partner violence and/or sexual violence:

- Halton Regional Police Service Victim Services Unit 905-625-4777
- Halton Women's Place 905-279-8222 (weekdays) or 905-326-7882 (24-hour crisis line)
- Halton Children's Aid Society 905-333-6661 or 1-866-407-5407
- Tonia's Place Sexual Assault and Domestic Assault Care Centre 905-336-4114 or 905-885-4883
- Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Services (SAVIS) 905-815-1335 (24-hour crisis line)



Public Education

- The Ontario Police College Domestic Violence Investigators Course.
- Peel Regional, Hamilton, York Police Services.
- Halton Community Housing.
- Halton District School Board.
- Secondary Victims Education Initiative.
- Halton Women's Place.



Supporting Victims

- Boxing For Change
- Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Guide
- Regional Safety Plan



Community Partnerships

*“Coming together is a beginning,
staying together is progress,
and working together is success.”*

-Henry Ford



Halton Violence Prevention Council (HVPC)

- SAAC
- SAVIS
- Halton Women's Place
- SAFE
- RADIUS
- Halton CAS
- Thrive Counseling
- Adapt
- Region of Halton



Domestic Violence Coordinators Committee

Ontario Police Agency Domestic Violence Co-ordinators



Domestic Violence Courts Advisory Committee

- Crown Attorney's Office
- Victim Witness Assistance Program
- Halton Women's Place
- Halton CAS
- SAVIS
- Thrive
- Halton Probation and Parole



Halton Women's Place

Halton Women's Place will provide a safe haven, information and education to support a future without abuse for women and their children.



Halton Women's Place

- **Safe shelter**
- Burlington- 30 beds, Milton- 22 beds
- **Individual & Group Counselling** to residential and community clients
- **24 hour crisis and support line**
- **Transitional support and housing**
- **Court support** and accompaniment
- **Child and Youth programming**
- **Danger Assessments and safety planning**
- **Public Education**
- **Referrals** to other agencies and supports



Halton Women's Place & HRPS

Objective: Through nurturing relationships and collaboration, we educate, and create knowledge and expertise within the police force with respect to domestic violence, enhancing services, experiences and outcome for clients.

Strategy: Top down approach to collaborate HRPS leadership, who work with us to carry that message through the organization.

Status: Joint protocols developed and established/ Joint training and committee work

Opportunities: Collaborative education and awareness projects/campaigns
Provide consultative resources for HRPS policy and strategy



Halton Assessment and Risk Reduction Team

- Halton Crown Attorney's Office
- Halton CAS
- Halton Victim Witness Assistance Program
- Halton Probation and Parole
- Halton Regional Police



Offender Management Unit

Lethality and Recidivism Threat Assessments for Intimate Partner Violence offenders.

Actively managing any of the identified High Risk candidates.

Monitor the 810 Peace Bonds with PAR's conditions and conducting appropriate enforcement.

Actively seek out any wanted persons by the Domestic Violence Investigative Unit.



Offender Management Unit Stats

2019

Arrests – 24

Criminal Charges – 29

HARRT offenders managed – 55

Risk Assessments completed – 80



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