

MISSISSAUGA – SAFEST LARGE METROPOLITAN CITY IN CANADA

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For the ninth consecutive year Mississauga has ranked as the safest large Canadian metropolitan city to work and reside in, when compared with these eight other major Canadian cities, Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, Montréal, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver.

“We are pleased that Mississauga continues to be the Safest large city in Canada for the ninth consecutive year”, states Safe City Mississauga’s Chair Brad Butt. “We are committed to continuing this trend into the future and will not rest on this success alone” he added.

Through an independent report prepared by Proforma Consulting Limited, the study compared incidence of Criminal Code Offences, including violent crimes, crimes against property and other Criminal Code Offences, which includes such things as drug related charges, offensive weapons, and counterfeiting. The crime rate was calculated on the basis of occurrences per one hundred thousand population using 2007 data. Mississauga ranked the lowest in all three major categories of crime, with a total crime rate of 3,453 occurrences, and ranked lower than both the province of Ontario and the nation in these aforementioned major categories of crime.

“The men and women of Peel Regional Police are proud of Mississauga's continued reputation as a safe city. This accomplishment is the result of the strong relationships we share with community groups, civic leaders and citizens that ensure the availability of effective education, prevention and reporting programs.” states Peel Regional Police Superintendent Bob Devolin.

Though the report finds Mississauga as the safest large metropolitan city in Canada the report also highlighted an increase in the number of sexual assaults from 24 in 2006, to 30 in 2007, an increase in the number offensive weapons occurrences from 476 in 2006, to 509 in 2007 as well as an increase in the number of homicides from 4 in 2006, to 10 in 2007.

As we continue into the holiday season Safe City Mississauga would like to remind residents and visitors of the importance in taking prudent steps to avoid being victimized. Continue to make sure your homes are secure, your vehicles are locked, and any suspicious activity is reported to the Police.

For more information on the 2007 Annual Criminal Statistics Analysis report, please call Teresa Burgess-Ogilvie, Executive Director for Safe City Mississauga at 905-615-6272.

Safe City Mississauga leads individuals and organizations in the delivery and support of crime prevention and public safety education, programs and projects that contribute to keeping Mississauga a community where people feel safe and secure as they live, work, learn and play.

Mississauga is Canada’s sixth largest city with a population of more than 700,000. With well-established infrastructure and state of the art facilities, the City is considered to be an employer of choice, delivering quality municipal programs and services to its citizens.