

Mississauga is Canada's Safest Large City Third Year in a Row
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MISSISSAUGA, ON - According to comparative crime statistics for the year 2001, Mississauga is once again considered Canada's safest large city.

"What better time to let Mississauga residents know that their city is the safest in Canada than during Crime Prevention Week," said Ward 8 Councillor Katie Mahoney, vice-chair of the Mississauga Crime Prevention Association (MCPA). "In partnership with MCPA, the City of Mississauga, along with Peel Regional Police, the Mississauga Board of Trade, Peel District and Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Boards, we have been working hard to educate our community on the various crime prevention techniques available. Although these techniques cannot eliminate crime completely, obviously they can reduce the probability of crime occurring."

Statistics from the respective police agencies show that Mississauga is the safest of all large cities when compared to other communities of similar or larger population. This is the third year in a row that Mississauga has earned this distinction. Mississauga was compared to eight cities in Canada, including Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, Montreal, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, and Vancouver. The cities' 2001 criminal code offences which include crimes against persons, crimes against property, and other criminal code offences, were used to determine the comparative crime statistics. In 2001, Mississauga's total crime rate stood at 4,554 occurrences per hundred thousand people. The average rate for Ontario is 6,509 occurrences per hundred thousand people and the Canadian average is 7,747.

"As Canada's sixth largest city, Mississauga is a hub of economic and cultural activity," said MCPA Executive Director Fred Chorley. "To be able to state that despite enormous growth Mississauga has the lowest incidence of crime in the country is something we can all be proud of."

The Mississauga Crime Prevention Association (MCPA) is a community driven not-for-profit charitable association. The Association works in partnership with the City of Mississauga, Peel Regional Police, Peel District School Board, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Mississauga Board of Trade, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, businesses and residents to deliver pro-active crime prevention programs. These programs include: Neighbourhood Watch, Block Parents, Counter Act, Business Crime Watch and the Community Alert System.

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