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Is your neighbourhood safe?
“Safe Cities” series continues on Rogers TV

Waterloo Region – As part of a ten-part television series on issues related to crime, victimization and fear of crime, the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council presents the seventh installment of “Safe Cities” this **Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 9:00 p.m.** on Rogers TV, Cable 20, as part of the channel’s prime time program, *Talk Local*, with host Mike Farwell.

This month “Safe Cities” will investigate the topic of **Neighbourhoods and Fear of Crime**. Waterloo Region is one of the safest communities in Canada with a crime rate well below the national average. What are we doing to ensure neighbourhoods are safe? What makes us fearful? What can we do to reduce the opportunities for crime to occur at the neighbourhood level? Topics for discussion will include perceptions and fear of crime; characteristics of a safe/unsafe neighbourhoods; neighbourhood experiences; and what local services can do to build on community efforts to create safer neighbourhoods .

The guest panel will include **Inspector Barry Zehr**, Waterloo Regional Police Service, Community Services; **Anthony Piscitelli**, Crime Prevention Council Research Staff; neighbourhood residents **Audra Willis** and **Barb Phillips**; **Bill Davidson**, Lang’s Farm Village Association; and **Shelley Adams**, City of Kitchener.

About “Safe Cities”

“Safe Cities” features local crime prevention topics and best practices, provides a panel discussion with local experts and offers an opportunity for viewers to call in with questions or comments. Each topic of discussion will also showcase local organizations or programs that are key contributors to making Waterloo Region a safe community.

About Talk Local

Talk Local on Rogers TV, Cable 20 offers frank talk about today’s regional issues. Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night at 9:00 p.m., join host Mike Farwell as he tackles the tough, local issues of the day with a roundtable forum of local politicians, business leaders, activists and concerned citizens. Viewers weigh in with their opinions and questions by phone, email, or the Talk Local web poll.

About the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council

The Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council works collaboratively to reduce and prevent crime, victimization and fear of crime. It is an advisory committee to the Region of Waterloo and consists of 40 members representing the community-at -large, social services, education, health, planning, justice, police, and community agencies among others.

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