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*“Inside Prison: What’s It Really Like Behind Bars”
 “Safe Cities” series continues on Rogers TV*

“On any given day in 2008/2009, an average of 37,234 adults and 1,898 youth (aged 12 to 17) were held in custody in Canada.” (Statistics Canada, December 8, 2009).

“Canada’s annual corrections budget is \$2.267 billion.” (Globe & Mail, March 30, 2010)

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 eighth installment of “Safe Cities” this **Wednesday, April 28, 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.

“Safe Cities” will investigate the topic of **Inside Prison: Behind Bars**. Ever wondered what prison is really like? Topics for discussion will include an overview of the current incarceration rates in Canada; who is in our prisons and for what crimes; what programs or services are offered as part of rehabilitation; what is the remand rate; and what post incarceration supports are needed to ensure successful reintegration upon release?

The guest panel will include **Doug Dalglish**, Superintendent at Maplehurst Correctional Complex (Milton); **Graham Stewart**, Former Executive Director John Howard Society (National) and co-author of the report “A Flawed Compass”; and **Rick Osborne**, a former gang member who served 23 years in federal prison and is now speaks to young people about his experience.

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 (519-893-6905) 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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