



After ten years of controlling security at the Darlington nuclear plant, the Durham Regional Police has handed the responsibility back to Ontario Power Generation.

In the immediate aftermath of 9-11, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission directed all Canadian nuclear facilities to immediately enhance their site security by establishing an armed presence available to respond to the threat of sabotage or theft of nuclear materials. This mandate was the beginning of a unique partnership between the Durham Regional Police Service and Ontario Power Generation that flourished during the past 11 years and came full circle on Apr. 18 when DRP released command of on-site security back to OPG.

“I would like to thank OPG for our excellent partnership, our members who served with pride and the community for their trust and patience while we made this transition,” said Chief Ewles. “I look forward to continuing to work with OPG to ensure the safety of the citizens of Durham Region.”

DRP Deputy Chief Scott Burns, who spent three years as the officer-in-charge at OPG, echoed Chief Ewles’ sentiments. “Over 10 years ago, OPG expressed their confidence in our police service to create a partnership and help to maintain the safety and security of our nuclear facilities. Today I want to express my confidence both personally and professionally in Ontario Power Generation’s team of professionals, specifically the OPG Senior Leadership Team: Paul

Nadeau, Claude April, Brian McLellan, Denis McBride, Brian Paul, Doug Walker and to all of the members of the OPG security team.”

In 2007, OPG announced it would create its own armed security teams. The transition at Pickering Nuclear was completed in Jan. 2010 and Apr. 18 marked the completion of the changeover at the Darlington site in Clarington. OPG's security forces completed rigorous training and many come from a police or military background.

“Today we completed a seamless transfer of command that ensures the public and our staff are protected and safe” said Pierre Tremblay, OPG’s Chief Nuclear Operating Officer.

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