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In June, 1998, the Province of Ontario passed Bill 26 - An Act to Promote Public Safety, which included a provision for municipalities to create "community safety zones" (CSZ's). Through increased fines for specific traffic violations within the CSZ's, driver behaviour modifications are expected. The Region of Durham embraced the new safety measure and approved 10 CSZ's throughout their municipalities. Unsure of their effectiveness, the Region retained Synectics to examine the safety benefits of CSZ's.



Synectics conducted a before-after analysis of CSZ treatment, with and without police enforcement. The analysis showed whether moving violation reductions were achieved, and whether any changes were due to the increased fines, or due to the presence of police.