



## The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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### Police Services Board Meeting Highlights October 26, 2011

<b>Victims of Crime and the Justice System</b>	<p><b>Staff Sergeant Alison Cattanach, Gillian Freeman, Executive Director, Victim Services of York Region and Nadine Prince, Manager, Victim/Witness Assistance Program</b> presented on <b>Victims of Crime and the Justice System</b>. The police and its community partners enable individuals who are victims of crime to become empowered and regain a sense of control in their lives. Their goal is to prevent crime and re-victimization. Victim Services of York Region provides 24-hour emotional support and practical assistance to incidents involving domestic violence, sexual assault and homicide. Programs include on-scene response, telephone crisis response and the victim quick response program. The Victim/Witness Assistance Program is available in every Ontario criminal court, and it provides victims of and witnesses to crimes with co-ordinated support throughout the criminal court process. Services provided are court preparation and orientation, referrals to community services, court accompaniment and assistance with the victim impact statement. York Regional Police will develop an Integrated Domestic Violence Unit and a "Common Roof" facility which will house various service providers and will also allow for a more co-ordinated response to preventing crime and re-victimization.</p>
<b>2012 Schedule of Board Meetings</b>	<p>The Board approved the 2012 schedule of Board meetings and the Public Interest Agenda. Presentation topics for next year include Air 2 on Patrol, Volunteering with York Regional Police, Forensics and Crime Scene Analysis and Conducted Energy Weapons (Tasers). Please visit <a href="http://www.yrpsb.ca">www.yrpsb.ca</a> for the complete list.</p>
<b>Reclassification of 17 Officers</b>	<p>The Board approved the reclassification of 17 officers to First Class Constable. The officers are deployed on the front-lines and are responsible for patrolling our neighborhoods, roads and business areas.</p>
<b>Next Board Meeting</b>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2011</b> Committee Room A, York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket.</p>

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