



## Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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### Police Services Board Meeting Highlights September 28, 2011

<b>Newly Promoted Superintendent and Sergeants</b>	<b>Chairman Danny Wheeler</b> and <b>Chief Eric Jolliffe</b> presented newly promoted <b>Superintendent Andre Crawford</b> with his badge. Superintendent Crawford has been with York Regional Police for 25 years and has been assigned to oversee the Community Services Bureau. Four officers were promoted to the ranks of Sergeant/ Detective. The newly promoted officers will be assigned to various areas of the organization.
<b>Preventing Property Crime Presentation</b>	<b>Chief Eric Jolliffe</b> and his team made a presentation on <b>Preventing Property Crime</b> . Various crime prevention programs can be used to deter potential criminals including Door-Hanger, Neighbourhood Watch and Business Watch and Crime Prevention through Environmental Design techniques. These programs can assist in preventing crime and in keeping York Region safe. Analyzing crime data can help identify areas of high crime (hotspots) and potential threats. Safeguarding your property, whether commercial or residential with video surveillance, proper lighting, motion sensors and keeping items of value out of sight can discourage criminal activity and victimization. For a copy of the presentation, please visit the Board's website.
<b>York Region Still Safest Community in Canada</b>	For the fifth consecutive year, <b>York Region's</b> crime rate ranks <b>lowest among its national comparators</b> (i.e. Toronto, Calgary, Peel, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Ottawa and Montreal) in Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Property and Total Criminal Code categories. When compared provincially with Durham, Toronto, Peel, Halton, Waterloo, Hamilton, Ottawa and Niagara, <b>York Region</b> ranks lowest for Crimes Against Property and Total Criminal Code categories. Chief Jolliffe has indicated that this success is a direct result of the investment the Police Services Board has made in policing programs and equipment to ensure the safety and security of our community.
<b>Crime Rate Declining</b>	The overall crime rate in <b>York Region decreased by 11.9 percent</b> during the first half of 2011 as compared to the first half of 2010. The rate of crimes against persons decreased by 10.0 percent during that same period. The rate of property crimes decreased by 13.5 percent. Decreases were seen in the rates of most crime categories with the exception of Fraud (+5.9 percent), Prostitution/Public Morals (+6.0 percent) and other Criminal Code Traffic Violations (+16.0 percent).
<b>Board Approves Donation of Vehicle</b>	The Board approved the donation of a 2012 Chrysler Dodge Minivan from the <b>Richmond Hill &amp; Markham Chinese Business Association</b> for a value of \$24,875.76 which will be used by the Diversity and Cultural Resources Bureau to continue its outreach to our communities.
<b>Board Approves Donation of \$50,000</b>	The Board approved the donation of \$50,000.00 from <b>Universal Youth Foundation</b> to fund York Regional Police programs including the Photography Club and the Youth Opportunities Camps.
<b>Next Police Services Board Meeting</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2011</b> Committee Room A, York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket.

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