



Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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MEDIA RELEASE Police Services Board Meeting Highlights

Board Renews Rewards for Hate Crimes and Triple Homicide	At its February 24, 2010 meeting, the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board received a report from Acting Chief Eric Jolliffe requesting the renewal of two outstanding rewards. In response, the Board approved a one-year extension on the \$20,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for hate crimes perpetrated in the City of Vaughan during the evening hours on March 15, 2004. The Board also renewed for one year the \$100,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the murders of Zhu LIN, Yan LIU and Xiao ZHAN all of whom died of multiple gunshot wounds in the Mirage Spa in Markham on February 8, 2004. York Regional Police will continue to investigate these criminal matters until they are solved.
New Public Complaints Process	Chairman Danny Wheeler was pleased to introduce Mr. Gerry McNeilly, from the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD) . Mr. McNeilly presented the new public complaints process to the Board Members and to members of the public. The OIPRD is an arms-length agency staffed entirely by civilians. The OIPRD provides an impartial office to accept, process and oversee the investigation of public complaints against police officers in Ontario. Members of the public can also choose to go directly to the police service to address their complaint through a Local Resolution . For more information, please go to www.oiprd.on.ca or to the Board's website at www.yrpsb.ca
York Regional Police Appreciation Night	The Board is once again a proud corporate sponsor of the 18th Annual York Regional Police Appreciation Night to take place on April 22, 2010 in Thornhill. In 2009, the event raised \$100,000 in support of many causes including a youth marching/concert band, TTY phone systems at each police District, an annual summer camp at the Community Safety Village, equipment for the Marine Unit and bikes for community and park patrol.
Board supports the Association of Black Law Enforcers	In response to a request from Inspector Chris Bullen, Vice-President, Association of Black Law Enforcers (ABLE) , the Board agreed to support the Association's 18th Annual Scholarship Awards Ball in Vaughan on May 8, 2010.
Board supports Shelter for single Homeless Women	The Board received a request from Regional Chairman and CEO Bill Fisch , on behalf of Belinda's Place in support of the first shelter for single homeless women in York Region . The Board donated \$7,500 to sponsor a golf tournament on June 7, 2010 in support of the shelter. Belinda's Place is anticipated to open in December, 2011.
Board supports the Canadian Crime Victim Foundation	The Board agreed to support the 8th Annual Canadian Crime Victim Foundation Gala Fundraiser to be held in Vaughan on May 28, 2010. Over the last six years, the Canadian Crime Victim Foundation has raised over \$200,000 for its Scholarship Fund which provides educational opportunities for survivors of violent crime and siblings of murder victims. In 2009, the Foundation announced the creation of " Jonathan's Fund " to support emergency psychological counselling for a victim in the immediate aftermath of violent crime.



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Public Complaints	The Board received a report from Acting Chief Eric Jolliffe summarizing public complaints. In 2009, York Regional Police received 116 public complaints compared with 111 in 2008 and 131 in 2007. The ratio of conduct complaints per officer for 2009 is 0.08, and this remains one of the lowest ratios when compared to other large police services in Ontario. Many public complaints arise from response to calls for service and traffic enforcement. Acting Chief Eric Jolliffe advised the Board that York Regional Police remains vigilant in communicating its Values and its Code of Professional Ethics .
Next Police Services Board Meeting	The next Police Services Board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 , Committee Room A, Region of York Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street at 1:00 p.m. Chief Armand La Barge and his team will make a presentation on MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND THE POLICE RESPONSE . We want to hear from you: Visit the York Regional Police website to complete a survey on Mental Health Issues and Police Response www.yrp.ca and assist us in providing an effective response to this very important issue.

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