



## Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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### Police Services Board Meeting Highlights

**June 23, 2010**

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| <b>Moment of Meditation</b>                    | At the June 23, 2010 <b>Police Services Board</b> meeting, <b>Chairman Danny Wheeler</b> requested that everyone observe a moment of meditation in honour of York Region's first <b>Police Chief Bruce Crawford</b> who passed away on June 20, 2010.  |
| <b>Presentation to Retiring Superintendent</b> | <b>Chairman Danny Wheeler</b> and <b>Acting Chief Eric Jolliffe</b> made a presentation to retiring <b>Superintendent Richard Finn</b> in appreciation of his almost 30 years of outstanding dedicated service to the <b>York Regional Police</b> and the citizens of York Region. <b>Acting Chief Jolliffe</b> praised <b>Superintendent Finn</b> for an outstanding career in policing and for having played a significant role in bringing the York Regional Police to the highest standards of achievement, especially in the area of technology.  |
| <b>Lifetime Achievement Award</b>              | <b>The Police Services Board</b> congratulated <b>Staff Sergeant Brad Bulmer</b> of the Traffic Bureau for receiving the <b>Lifetime Achievement Award in Traffic Safety</b> from the <b>Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police</b> . This award is presented to a serving police officer who has devoted their career to promoting traffic safety initiatives and road safety.   |
| <b>Safety of Persons with a Disability</b>     | Staff Sergeant Shelley Rogers and Ruth Houghton made a presentation to the <b>Police Services Board</b> , to <b>York Regional Police</b> members and to 40 citizens on <b>the Safety of Persons with a Disability</b> . The 2006 Census shows that 1.9 million Ontarians have a disability and approximately 140,000 residents in York Region have a disability. Persons with disabilities are two to three times more likely to be victims of spousal violence and have a higher risk of multiple victimization. <b>York Regional Police</b> has several accessibility initiatives including NexTalk, CopLogic, Project Life Saver and sworn and civilian staff who deal specifically with accessibility and disability safety. The <b>Persons with Disability Safety Officer</b> is dedicated to crime prevention initiatives specific to persons with a disability, serves as an educational source for police officers and liaises with community agencies. You can contact Constable Aileen Dixon at <a href="mailto:765@yrp.ca">765@yrp.ca</a> . |
| <b>Appointment of Auxiliary Officers</b>       | The Police Services Board appointed eight auxiliary police officers which will increase the strength of the Auxiliary Unit to 120 officers.  |
| <b>Next Police Services Board Meeting</b>      | The next <b>Police Services Board meeting</b> will be on <b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2010</b> , 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 <b>CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN</b> .  |

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