



Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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MEDIA RELEASE Police Services Board Meeting Highlights

Board observes moment of meditation	At the June 24, 2009 Police Services Board meeting, Chairman Danny Wheeler requested that everyone observe a moment of meditation in honour of Markham Regional Councillor Tony Wong and former Regional Chairman Garfield Wright , both of whom passed away on June 17, 2009. First elected to York Regional Council in 1997, and again in 2000 and 2006, Regional Councillor Wong served on a variety of Regional Committees and on the York Regional Police Services Board from 1995 to 1997. Mr. Wright, a former warden for York County, was appointed as York Region Chairman by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario for the period of 1971 to 1974. He was elected for two subsequent terms from 1975 to 1976 and 1977 to 1978. Mr. Wright sat on all Regional Committees and also served on the York Regional Police Services Board from 1973 to 1975. The Board passed motions extending its sincere condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of Regional Councillor Tony Wong and former Regional Chairman Garfield Wright .
Board honours retiring Superintendent	At the June 24, 2009 meeting of the Police Services Board, Chairman Danny Wheeler and Chief Armand La Barge made a presentation to retiring 3 District Superintendent Wes Bonner in appreciation of his 40 years of outstanding dedicated service to the York Regional Police and the citizens of York Region. Chief La Barge praised Superintendent Bonner for his commitment to duty and leadership at all 5 Districts where he served and mentored many officers during his distinguished policing career.
Newly Promoted Superintendents and Inspectors	Chairman Danny Wheeler and Chief Armand La Barge presented Inspector Mark Tatz , Inspector Mark Brown and Inspector Stan Colley with their Superintendent Badges. They also presented Detective Sergeant Fredrick Moffat , Staff Sergeant Keith Merith , Detective Sergeant Kevin Torrie , Staff Sergeant Ricky Veerappan , Staff Sergeant Steven Seabrooke , Staff Sergeant Douglas Conley with their inspector badges. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Danny Wheeler congratulated all newly promoted superintendents and inspectors on their new leadership positions.
Protecting Seniors	In their presentation on Protecting Seniors , York Regional Police Inspector Andre Crawford , Constable Kim Majlik and Detective Constable Hoyt Miller noted that seniors are less likely than younger people to become victims of crime. In York Region in 2008, there were 257 crimes against seniors 65 and over. The York Regional Police are receiving increased calls on behalf of seniors with Alzheimers and Dementia. The number one crime against seniors is fraud/identity theft through door-to-door, telemarketing and internet schemes. Other common crimes include elder abuse, false charities, and 'prize pitch' by strangers. The York Regional Police currently has five senior investigators who are trained to



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	<p>respond to crimes that target seniors. Constable Majlik urged seniors to report crimes, save documentation, make notes of conversations, record serial numbers and get second quotes in order to protect themselves. Seniors can participate in the Citizens' Academy Seniors Edition offered by the York Regional Police at accessible locations in the Region of York. Helpful agencies and resources, including the seniors' safety line at 1-866-299-1011, are listed in the presentation which is accessible at www.yrpsb.ca.</p>
<p>Appointment of Experienced Officer</p>	<p>The Police Services Board appointed one experienced officer from the Peel Regional Police Service, effective June 26, 2009. The officer will attend the York Regional Police Training and Education Bureau and receive transitional training in Defensive Tactics, Firearms and Information Technology, York Regional Police Regulations and Procedures, Vision and Values and Professional Code of Ethics. The addition of the new officer brings the authorized strength of the York Regional Police to 1,395.</p>
<p>International Peace Operations</p>	<p>The Board approved the secondment of an experienced York Regional Police supervisory officer to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police International Peace Operations. The RCMP deploys Canadian police officers to countries experiencing or threatened by conflict. The role of the Canadian police officers is to work with other international policing partners to assist local law enforcement agencies with maintaining law and order and to provide them with the training and mentoring necessary to sustain effective operations in accordance with democratic principles and international human rights conventions. The York Regional Police supervisory officer will benefit from this professional development opportunity and will also assess the continued participation of the York Regional Police in the RCMP program.</p>
<p>Change of Meeting Date</p>	<p>The Board changed its October 2009 meeting date to October 21, 2009.</p>
<p>Next Police Services Board Meeting</p>	<p>The next Police Services Board meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009, 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 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.</p> <p><u>NEW!! York Regional Police Seeks Your Input!</u> Prior to making the presentation on VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, Chief Armand La Barge and his team want your input so that they can better address</p>



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	your concerns in the presentation. The results of this survey will be posted on the York Regional Police web site at www.yrp.ca.
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