



Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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Board Meeting Highlights March 23, 2011

<p>Welcome to new Deputy Chief Tom Carrique</p>	<p>Chairman Danny Wheeler congratulated newly appointed Deputy Chief Tom Carrique. Deputy Carrique is a 21-year veteran of the Service and has been assigned to the Administrative Command. He was sworn in on March 23, 2011 in Regional Council Chambers.</p>
<p>Drop in Youth Crime Rate in York Region</p>	<p>Chief Eric Jolliffe reported that the overall crime rate decreased for the seventh consecutive year, dropping 3.8 % in 2010. The rate for both violent crimes and property crimes has been on the decline since 2005. The youth crime rate in York Region has decreased significantly (19%) from 2009. The total number of young persons charged decreased by 23.2%. Chief Jolliffe attributes the decline to the Service's strong commitment to youth programs and crime prevention initiatives. The total number of reported hate crimes in York Region increased by 41.3% in 2010 which may be a result of more reporting and awareness and global events which can have a local impact.</p>
<p>Fraud Prevention - Safeguarding Your Identity</p>	<p>Inspector Kevin Torrie, Detective Sergeant Michael Elliott and Detective Nin Leung made a presentation on Fraud Prevention. The most common types of fraud in the Region are mortgage and investment frauds (43%) and card-related frauds (38%). Some important prevention tips: be careful about sharing personal information, pay attention to your bills and receipts, avoid email scams and false applications. The presenters advised to shred all personal information when no longer required and carefully protect your password or PIN number. How to protect yourself online: look for the lock icon in your browser, clear your browser's cache and use anti-virus programs. For more information please visit the Board's website.</p>
<p>Board supports the Association of Black Law Enforcers</p>	<p>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 19th Annual Scholarship Awards Ball in Vaughan on May 7, 2011 in the amount of \$1,300.</p>
<p>Board supports Future Aces Foundation</p>	<p>The Board contributed \$1,500 to the Amazing ACES Awards Gala to be held on May 19, 2011. Funds raised will assist the Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Foundation in working with schools and community organizations to foster good harmony and to build strong citizenship and self-esteem among our youth.</p>
<p>Board supports the Ontario Women in Law Enforcement</p>	<p>The Board purchased a corporate table in support of the Ontario Women in Law Enforcement's 13th Annual Awards Banquet. The awards ceremony recognizes the significant contributions by women in the policing community. York Regional Police officers have been nominated for awards again this year.</p>
<p>Board supports the Canadian Crime Victim Foundation</p>	<p>The Board agreed to support the 9th Annual Canadian Crime Victim Foundation Gala Fundraiser to be held in Vaughan on May 27, 2011. The Canadian Crime Victim Foundation has raised over \$230,000 for its Scholarship Fund which provides educational opportunities for survivors of violent crime and siblings of murder victims.</p>



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Board appoints 16 new Officers	The Board appointed 16 new officers assigned as Cadets-in-Training. The new officers bring an array of life skills and linguistic abilities to the Service. Languages spoken by the cadets are Polish, Greek, Macedonian, Bulgarian and Italian.
Board approves \$10,000 donation to Marine Unit	Mr. Dwight Powell of Keswick generously donated \$10,000 to the Marine Unit in appreciation of the efforts made to save him and his son following a serious boating accident on Lake Simcoe in 2010. An underwater rescue was undertaken by citizens in the area of the mishap. Mr. Powell's contribution will enhance safety on our lakes. The Board approved the donation in accordance with its Public Donations Policy.
Use of Force Statistics	Chief Jolliffe reported that police officers draw their firearms when they believe, on reasonable grounds, that it is necessary to protect against loss of life or serious bodily harm or to destroy an animal. In 2010, there was a 4% increase in the use of force by officers. In 2010, firearms were discharged in 51 incidents, most of which were used to humanely destroy seriously injured animals. Conducted Energy Devices (tasers) are approved for use by trained members of the Emergency Response Unit only. Tasers were deployed twice in 2010.
Next Police Services Board Meeting	The next Police Services Board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 , Committee Room A, Region of York Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street at 1:00 p.m.

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