



Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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MEDIA RELEASE **Police Services Board Meeting Highlights** **May 26, 2010**

Mayor Scarpitti thanks Emergency Personnel	Mayor Frank Scarpitti , member of the Police Services Board , thanked emergency personnel including the York Regional Police , York Region EMS and Markham Fire and Emergency Services for their coordinated efforts in responding to the small plane crash in Markham on Tuesday, May 25.
Change in Board Meeting Date	The October 20, 2010 meeting of the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board has been postponed to Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 1 p.m. The November 24, 2010 meeting date of the Board remains unchanged. There will be no public interest agenda presentations on both of the above dates. Police Services Board meetings are held at the Regional Municipality of York , Administrative Centre, Committee Room A-Main Floor, 17250 Yonge Street in Newmarket.
Race Relations Award	On May 18, 2010, York Regional Police received an award of excellence from the Canadian Race Relations Foundation for its significant accomplishments in combating racism and discrimination.
Police Recruitment and Training Presentation	Inspector Andre Crawford and Sergeant Sean Phelps made a presentation on Police Recruitment and Training. York Regional Police has an extensive outreach program to attract and recruit qualified individuals from our many communities. Some of the programs include information sessions such as the Asian Community Policing Experience and the Citizen's Academy sessions. There are minimum requirements for the position of police constable as set out in the Constable Selection System and the Police Services Act . Almost 450 officers were hired from 2004 to 2009. Diversity among the ranks has increased to 16 % and over 70 languages are spoken within the Service. A police cadet undergoes 38 weeks of training including 12 weeks at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer.
Respect in the Workplace	The Board amended its Respect in the Workplace policy to include the requirements of the <i>Occupational Health and Safety Act</i> (Violence and Harassment in the Workplace).
Next Police Services Board Meeting	The next Police Services Board meeting will be on Wednesday, June 23, 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 the Safety of Persons with a Disability .

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