



Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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MEDIA RELEASE **Police Services Board Meeting Highlights** **September 22, 2010**

Newly Promoted Superintendent and Inspectors	Chairman Danny Wheeler and Acting Chief Bruce Herridge presented newly promoted Superintendent Mark Grant with his badge. Superintendent Grant has been with York Regional Police for over 30 years and has been assigned to Information Services. Three newly promoted Inspectors have also been presented with their badges. Inspector Angelo De Lorenzi has been with YRP for almost 25 years and has been assigned to the Duty Inspectors Bureau. Inspector Shelley Rogers has been with YRP for over 20 years and has been assigned to the Duty Inspectors Bureau. Inspector Paulo DaSilva began his career in 1997 and has been assigned to the Communications Bureau.
Crimes Against Children Presentation	Acting Chief Bruce Herridge and his team made a presentation on Crimes Against Children . Sexual assaults are the least likely offences to be reported to the police according to a recent victimization survey. Parents should be aware of to whom their children are communicating on the Internet. The York Regional Police promote education and awareness about child abuse including programs at the Community Safety Village of York Region , the Values Influences & Peers (VIP) program, and the Be Net Aware program. Officers use highly sophisticated tools to track and apprehend perpetrators of child exploitation including the Child Exploitation Tracking System (CETS) . In 1991, the Child Protection Protocol of York Region was created to provide a coordinated response to addressing child abuse which involves agencies and professionals working together. Police school boards, child welfare agencies, local abuse programs and Women's Support Network among others work together in combatting child abuse and child exploitation. See www.yrpsb.ca to access the presentation.
York Region still Safest Community	York Region crime rate ranked lowest among its national comparators (i.e. Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Montreal, Saint John and Halifax) in Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Property and Total Criminal Code incidents for the fourth consecutive year . When compared provincially with Durham, Toronto, Peel, Halton, Waterloo, Hamilton, Ottawa and Niagara, York Regional Police ranked lowest for Crimes Against Property and Total Criminal Code incidents for the fifth consecutive year .
Overall Crime Rate Declining	Acting Chief Herridge reported that the overall crime rate decreased by 1.0 percent during the first half of 2010 as compared to the first half of 2009. The overall rate of crimes against persons decreased by 3.9 percent during that same period; however, there were four homicides during this period compared with one during the same period in 2009. The rate of property crimes decreased by 1.7 percent while youth crime decreased by 4.9 percent. Increases were noted in the six-month data in rates for drug violations (14.1 percent), weapons violations (4.0 percent) and attempt capital crime with a total of 11 attempts during the six-month period in 2010 compared with 5 cases in 2009.
Appointment of New and Experienced Police Officers	The Board appointed 20 new police officers as cadets-in-training effective August 9, 2010. The new cadets reflect the diversity of York Region, are well educated, and bring various life skills and linguistic abilities to their new positions. The Board also approved the appointment of two new experienced police officers.



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Endorsement of Board's Resolution	At the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) in St. John, New Brunswick on August 20, 2010, members supported the York Regional Police Services Board's resolution on the Marihuana Medical Access Regulations – Licensed Marihuana Grow Operations . The CAPB will move this resolution forward in its discussion with federal, provincial and territorial departments responsible for public safety and other policing partners.
Next Police Services Board Meeting	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2010 Committee Room A, Region of York Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street at 1:00 p.m. FOR A COPY OF THE 2011 MEETING SCHEDULE, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.yrpsb.ca

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