

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK
POLICE SERVICES BOARD

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

27 MAY 2009

Promotions – Auxiliary

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Board receive this report.

SYNOPSIS

This report identifies three Auxiliary members who have been promoted within the York Regional Police Auxiliary Unit.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND

York Regional Police established an Auxiliary Unit in 1980. The authority to appoint Auxiliary members is found in subsection 52(1) of the *Police Services Act*. Auxiliary members have the authority of a police officer if accompanied and supervised by a police officer and are authorized to perform duties by the Chief of Police. The Auxiliary Unit supports York Regional Police officers at a wide variety of events including parades, Open House/Police Week events, the funerals of fallen officers, Police Memorials in Ottawa and Toronto, ride-a-longs and countless other duties and functions. It is one of the most professional and best equipped Units in all of Canada.

The Auxiliary Unit is authorized to a strength of 10 percent of the sworn strength of York Regional Police. It has grown significantly over the past five years, keeping pace with the growth of York Regional Police. Currently, the 130 member Unit is comprised of the following management and supervisory ranks.

Rank	Assignment
2 Superintendents	Administration and Operations
6 Inspectors	Operations, Administration and Training
5 Staff Sergeants	District Operations
10 Sergeants	District Operations

The existing structure was created on September 24, 2008, and the last Senior Officer promotion in the Auxiliary Unit was on September 24, 2008.

Since September 2008, the Auxiliary Unit has grown by 30 members. After conducting a comprehensive review of the Unit, the need for three additional Auxiliary Staff Sergeants was identified. These positions in the Auxiliary Unit will allow for Staff Sergeants to support the Administrative and Support Services Inspectors.

With the addition of these promotions, the Unit would be comprised of the following management and supervisory positions.

Rank	Assignment
2 Superintendents	Administration and Operations
6 Inspectors	Administration, Training, Operations and Support
8 Staff Sergeants	Administration, Training, Support and District Operations
10 Sergeants	District Operations

York Regional Police Procedure AI-005 – Use of Auxiliaries, describes the rank structure and states, “No promotion shall be made except with the permission of the Chief of Police.” The Procedure also states that a promotion committee comprised of the Liaison Officer and other Senior Officers, as may be appointed by the Chief of Police, shall interview and consider qualified Auxiliary officers for promotion. The position of Auxiliary Staff Sergeant was open to all Auxiliary Sergeants in good standing with the Auxiliary Unit who had a minimum of two years experience as an Auxiliary Sergeant.

Five Auxiliary Sergeants were eligible for promotion to the rank of Auxiliary Staff Sergeant. All five members applied for the opportunity to be interviewed and were considered for promotion. Interviews for the Staff Sergeant position were held on April 20, 2009. The interview panel was comprised of Staff Sergeant Shelley Rogers, Auxiliary Superintendent Hans Uhr and Auxiliary Inspector Sue Giberson.

As a result, Auxiliary Sergeant Thomas Ungar #9220 was promoted to the rank of Auxiliary Staff Sergeant effective May 8, 2009. Tom previously volunteered as an Auxiliary officer with the Toronto Police Service between 1975 and 2004. He left Toronto at the rank of Auxiliary Superintendent and joined the York Regional Police Auxiliary Unit in July 2004. He did so because he was impressed with York Regional Police’s Auxiliary Unit. Tom is a professional engineer with the City of Vaughan in the area of Design Services. He has post secondary education in the area of Police Sciences and Investigative Studies from Seneca College.

Auxiliary Sergeant Paul Thorner #9211 was promoted to the rank of Auxiliary Staff Sergeant effective May 8, 2009. Paul joined the Auxiliary Unit in July 2004. Paul is a Senior Building Inspector with the Town of Richmond Hill. He is currently attending York University obtaining his Master's Certificate in Municipal Leadership.

Auxiliary Sergeant Wendy Cartwright #9213 was promoted to the rank of Auxiliary Staff Sergeant effective May 8, 2009. Wendy joined the Auxiliary Unit in July 2004. Wendy is a part-time By-law Officer with the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and a full time Meat Hygiene Officer with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. She is also a volunteer with the Stouffville Police Community Station.

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