



The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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MEDIA RELEASE Highlights

Police Services Board Meeting

February 19, 2014

Conducted Energy Weapons	Inspector Brian Bigras, Sergeant Jeffery Nolan and Constable Jon Carson presented on Conducted Energy Weapons . The use of force model trains the officer to continually assess a situation and select the most reasonable option relative to those circumstances as perceived at that time. Officers are trained to use communication as a method of diffusing situations in addition to using judgement and restraint. Conducted energy weapons are used to incapacitate armed persons through the use of propelled wires or direct contact to conduct energy to affect the sensory and motor functions of the nervous system. Common effects include pain, involuntary and strong muscle contractions, falling immediately to the ground, freezing in place with legs locked and injury from falls. An assailant is generally incapacitated for a short period of time with no residual effects. Quarterly maintenance and annual analysis are conducted on the Tasers to ensure operational function and standards to manufacturer specifications are met.
Reclassification of 37 Officers	The Board approved the reclassification of thirty-seven (37) officers. The officers are deployed on the front-lines and are responsible for patrolling our neighborhoods, roads and business areas.
Board Supports Yellow Brick House	The Board purchased corporate sponsorship in support of Yellow Brick House 9th Annual Mending Hearts - Creating Dreams Gala to be held on April 25, 2014. The Yellow Brick House is a non-profit charitable organization that provides emergency shelter, counselling and supportive services to abused women and children.
Board Supports 22nd Annual Police Appreciation Night	The Board purchased two corporate tables at 22nd Annual Police Appreciation Night to be held on May 13, 2014. The mission of the Organizing Committee is to support the mandate of York Regional Police by organizing and conducting events that will encourage public support of the service and raise money to fund police programs and equipment.
Board Supports York Regional Abuse Program (YRAP)	The Board approved support of the YRAP Hand in Hand Gala to be held on May 3, 2014. The Gala will raise funds for the York Region Abuse Program which provides assessment and counselling services to children, youth and adults who have experienced Childhood Sexual Abuse.
Next Police Services Board Meeting	The next Police Services Board meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014 , Committee Room A, York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket at 1:00 p.m.

For further information please contact Executive Director, Mafalda Avellino at 905-830-4444 or 1-877-464-9675 ext. 77906 or psb@yrp.ca. Please visit www.yrpsb.ca for a copy of the presentation, Board Reports and Minutes from the Board meeting.



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