



# Preventing and Investigating Property Crime



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# Presentation Overview

- Current Trends
  - Responsibilities of Property Crime Units
- Break and Enter Projects – 2014
  - Project Spiderman
  - Project Trademark
- Community Services
  - Crime prevention
  - Responsibilities of unit

## 9 stolen vehicles recovered in York Region

Arrests made after police follow stolen Range Rover to Toronto

CBC News | Posted: Feb 04, 2015 12:49 PM ET | Last Updated: Feb 04, 2015 7:04 PM ET





# Trends

- Residential Break and Enters
- Commercial Break and Enters
- Street-level Robberies
- Theft from Autos
- Theft of Autos



**5 vehicles left idling stolen from driveways in Richmond Hill, Vaughan: police**

01/20/2015 12:45 PM Toronto staff

Jan 09, 2015 | Vote 0 0

**Car stolen in warmup theft in Markham**





# York Region Concerns



## 2014-2016 Business Plan

Listening to Our Citizens – Top Priority identified by respondents

### Crimes Against Property

#### Targeting Crime

- 1) Intelligence Based deployment of resources
- 2) Increase utilization of the Community Mobilization and engagement model through proactive enforcement
- 3) Effectively implement technologies and innovative strategies along with partners to enhance policing operations and investigations



# Project Spiderman Residential Break and Enters

## 'Spiderman' thief used ropes, spy cameras in break-ins

Holes were cut in roofs of high-end homes using sophisticated tools, say police

CBC News | Posted: Feb 27, 2014 3:00 PM ET | Last Updated: Feb 27, 2014 6:39 PM ET

Project Spiderman 2:20



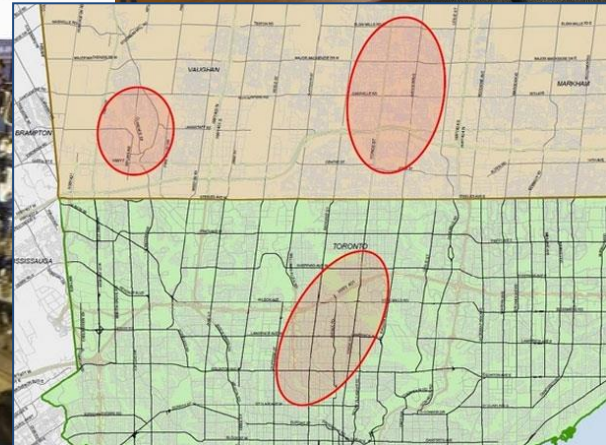
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A man is facing more than two dozen breaking and entering charges after a series of homes were broken into aided by flexible spy-cams, listening devices and precious-metal testers.

Police likened the thief to super hero *Spider-Man* because in some of the break-ins — which targeted high-end homes in neighbourhoods in and around Toronto including Forest Hill, Richmond Hill and Vaughan — exterior walls were scaled to avoid motion alarms and gain access to second-floor windows. In others, skylights were removed to gain access or holes were cut into the attic.

The thief's climbing ability and arsenal of sophisticated tools prompted police to call the investigation Project Spiderman.





# Project Trademark

## Front Door Break and Enters

*Scanner programmed to York Regional Police 5 District*



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### Break and enter suspect arrested in west, Markham robberies drop

Four men responsible for rash of home thefts: police

Markham Economist & Sun  
By Jeremy Grimaldi

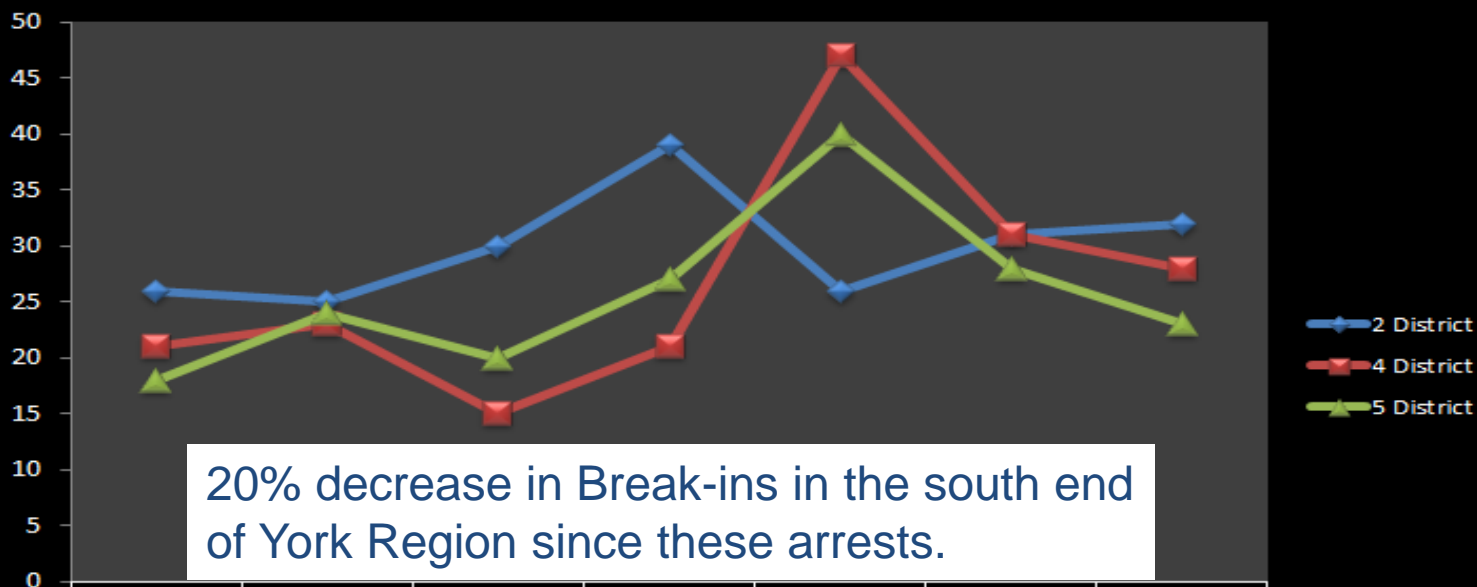
The final member of a crew of alleged break-and-enter specialists has been nabbed in Saskatchewan, resulting in certain robberies in the region dropping by more than 60 per cent.



# Project Trademark

## Decline of Front Door Entries after Arrests

South End District Residential Break and Enter  
Jan 1st to July 28



20% decrease in Break-ins in the south end of York Region since these arrests.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
2 District	26	25	30	39	26	31	32
4 District	21	23	15	21	47	31	28
5 District	18	24	20	27	40	28	23



# South American Organized Crime

Involved in:

- Thefts
- Purse snatchings
- Wholesale jewellery robberies
- Break and enters





# Georgian Organized Crime



Surveillance Video

- Primarily early night time entries, usually through rear windows or sliding glass doors
- Targets jewellery and electronics.



# Street-level Robberies

Market Driven

- Cell phones
- Canada Goose jackets



 **York Regional Police**  
March 19, 2014 · 🌐

SUSPECTS CHARGED FOLLOWING STREET-LEVEL ROBBERIES IN VAUGHAN

Investigators with the York Regional Police #4 District Criminal Investigations Bureau have arrested and charged three suspects wanted in connection with multiple street-level robberies in the City of Vaughan.





# Theft from Autos

- Theft from Autos  
GPS units, credit cards,  
Ipods, pocket change

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## Police urge you to remove valuables from lock doors

Aurora Banner  
By Jeremy Grimaldi

Residents are being urged to lock their car doors as the number of thefts from vehicles has nearly doubled since last year.

In June 2013, there were 35 reported thefts from unlocked cars in Newmarket and Aurora.



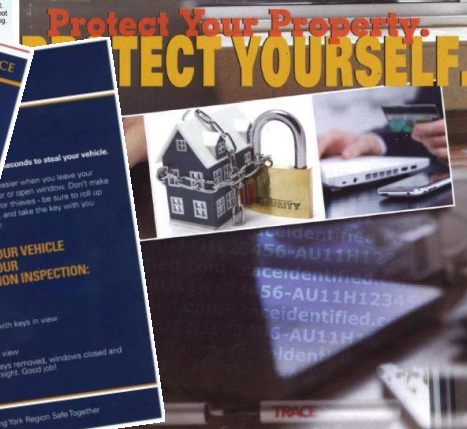


# Crime Prevention

## Crime Prevention through Community Engagement



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BUSINESS PLAN  
2014-2016



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Protect Yourself.

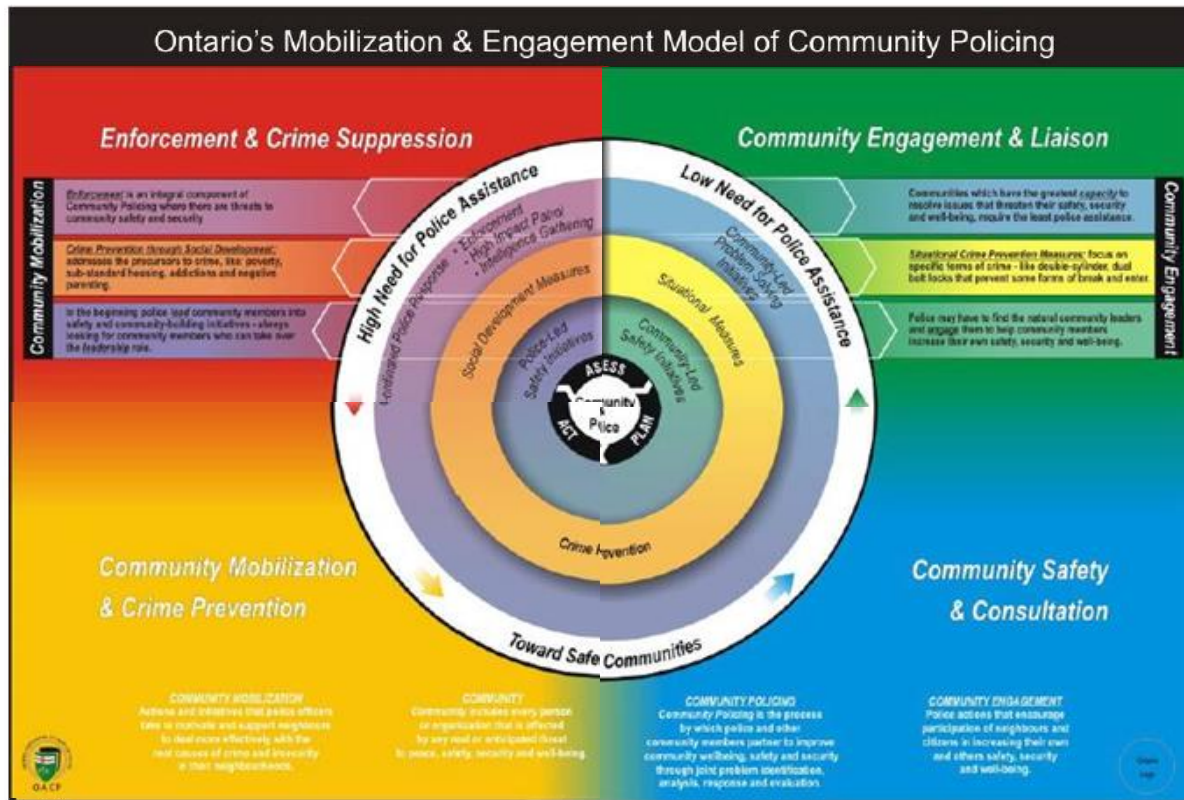
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Keeping York Region Safe Together



# YRP Business Plan

## Ontario's Community Mobilization and Engagement Model



Enforcement & Crime Suppression

Community Mobilization and Crime Prevention

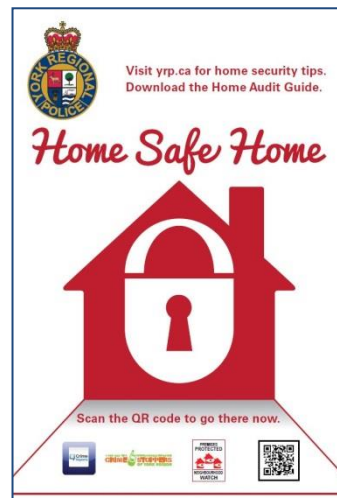
Community Safety and Consultation

Community Engagement and Liaison



# Community Consultation & Engagement

- District Community Liaison Committee (DCLC)
- Welcome Centres
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Business Watch





# Community Outreach Initiatives

- Home Safe Home
- Lock it or Lose it
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Graffiti Eradication



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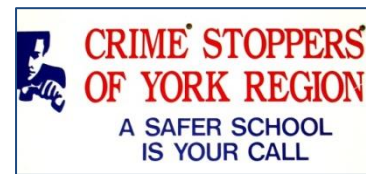
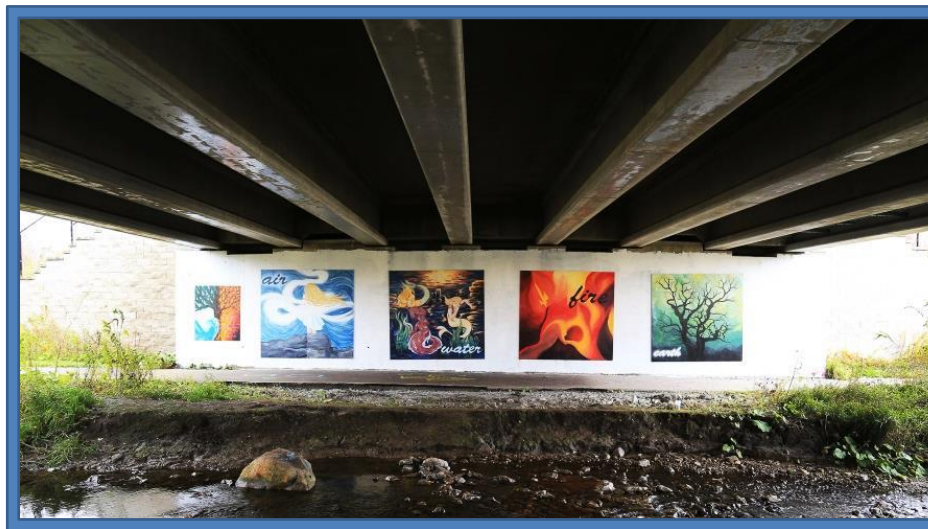
### Crime Prevention for Business Owners

There are many steps commercial and retail businesses can take to secure their premises and ensure a safe environment for employees, especially those working at night or overnight.

Applying Crime Prevention Through Environment Design (CPTED) principles can make a significant difference in whether your business is perceived by criminals to be a good target. CPTED is the use of design to eliminate or reduce criminal behaviour. Small things like ensuring trees and bushes around your business are not overgrown and ready to



# Stouffville Wall Murals







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**Crime Prevention Map**

**Know your neighbourhood.  
Help build safer communities.  
Together.**

SEARCH

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Don't get scammed.  
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**CRIME PREVENTION**

- Crime Prevention for Parents
- Crime Prevention for Seniors
- Crime Prevention for Kids
- Crime Prevention for Teens
- York Regional Police presents UNITED
- Personal Safety
- Fraud Prevention
- Safety in the Home
- Vehicle Safety
- Boating and Ice Safety
- Crime Prevention for Business Owners

**HOW DO I?**

- Receive a copy of a police report for insurance purposes
- Obtain a police records check
- Receive a record suspension (pardon) for a criminal offence
- Find out more about VOIP and 9-1-1
- File a Freedom of Information request
- Hire a Paid Duty Officer

**FIND YOUR DISTRICT**

Headquarters: 47 Don Hillcock Dr., Aurora, ON

- Aurora
- East Gwillimbury
- Georgina
- King
- Markham
- Newmarket
- Richmond Hill
- Whitchurch-Stouffville
- Vaughan

**CRIME NEWS**

- Contact York Regional Police Media Relations
- Current Motor Vehicle Collisions
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- Upcoming community events

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# Connecting Through Social Media

- Facebook Community Watch Keswick
- Facebook yrpnet.ca
- Twitter



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**Community Watch - Keswick**

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# Connecting Through Community Events

- Crime Prevention Home Shows
- Community Forums
- Community Events





# What Can You do?

- Neighbourhood Watch/Business Watch
- Crime Reports
- Implement Home Safe Home
- Adopt CPTED Principals
- Report Crime
- Crime Stoppers



Want more information?

[info@yrp.ca](mailto:info@yrp.ca)



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### Talk shop with York police on crime watch Facebook page

You can report incidents of graffiti and other crimes

Georgina Advocate  
By Heidi Riedner

Will you "like" what cops are up to on Facebook?

If you want to check in and talk shop with cops and help make your community safer, check out York Regional Police's new Neighbourhood Watch type page at [facebook.com/CWkeswick](https://facebook.com/CWkeswick)

Its first post concerns recent incidents of graffiti in the area that have marked numerous places with the tag STK.

Investigators are looking for people to report incidents of graffiti and call with any information on who may be responsible.

A crime prevention map... police reports of break... assault, sex offences, a... offences, traffic enforce... specific to the region's... Residents can also file... damage (excluding a m... \$10,000, identity theft/f... and mischief/damage t...

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

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# Thank you Questions?

