



Assisting Victims of Crime



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Presentation Overview

- Victims Bill of Rights
- Integrated Domestic Violence Unit
- Trends
- Challenges
- Community and justice partners



<h2>Arrest in elder abuse</h2>	<p>Oct 26, 2015 Vote 1 0</p>
<p>CRIME: Stouffville area hit again by con artists</p> <h3>Seniors falling for grandpa</h3>	<h3>Teens rescued from sex trade in York in multi-agency police crackdown</h3>
<p><small>BY CHRIS TRABER ctraber@yrmg.com</small></p> <p>Your phone rings. The caller speaks quickly and hysterically. He identifies himself as your grandchild or relative. He claims he is in trouble, arrested or hos-</p> <p>A typical call to seniors begins something like this: <i>Caller: Hi, Grandma?</i> <i>Victim: Hi.</i> <i>Caller: Do you know who this is?</i> <i>Victim: John?</i></p>	<h2>Suspect in Vaughan café murders makes court appearance</h2> <p>a collaboration of the RCMP, the Competition Bureau Canada and the Ontario Provincial Police. Victims 40 to 49 years old reported the highest losses, claiming \$8 million in losses last year. Victims 80 to 89 reported more than \$2 million in fraud losses.</p>
<h3>Markham victims targeted for cash, cellphones in</h3>	<h3>Police charge 5 bat-wielding Vaughan teens</h3>
<p>Feb 26, 2015 Vote 0 0</p> <h3>York Regional Police SWAT team called to domestic dispute in Keswick</h3>	<p>Vaughan Citizen</p> <p>York Regional Police have charged five teens in connection with a series of street-level robberies in Mar</p>




National Issues

- Victim of Crimes Committee
- Victim Bill of Rights
- Victim Information Pamphlet



VICTIM INFORMATION

What should I do next?



RESPONDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION

Name _____

Badge _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Occurrence Number _____

VICTIMS' RIGHTS IN CANADA



Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Victim of Crimes Committee

Mission: To enhance the Canadian police community's capacity to respond effectively to the needs of victims of crime.

- April 3, 2014
- Bill C-32
- Canadian Victims Bill of Rights
- Review of Bill C-32 to identify areas for enhancement

...WE HAVE TO
LEARN HOW TO LIVE
AND LET LIVE
BECAUSE NOBODY IN
THIS WORLD IS THE
SAME, AND IF WE
GO TRYING TO KILL
EVERYBODY THAT'S
DIFFERENT OR WE
DON'T AGREE WITH,
THERE'S GONNA BE
NOBODY LEFT.

~ Dawn Kennedy (Sean Kennedy, hate-crime victim)



Victims Bill of Rights

- Significant legislation
- Seeks to create clear statutory rights at the federal level for victims of crime
- Built on the pillars of information, protection, participation and restitution and ensures a complaint process is in place for breaches of these rights





Who is a Victims of Crime?

- Any individual who has suffered physical or emotional harm, property damage or economic loss as a result of an offence committed under the Criminal Code and other statutes





Victim Information Pamphlet

- Am I a victim?
- Who can I contact?
- You have the right to ask for protection
- Know your rights
- Criminal Injuries Compensation Board
- How to make a complaint

Ontario Independent Police Review
Director (OIPRD)

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Other Info _____

CONTACT YORK REGIONAL POLICE

In an emergency, dial **9-1-1**.

For non-emergencies, contact York Regional Police toll free at 1-866-8-POLICE (1-866-876-5423).

TTY: 1-800-668-0398 (for the hearing impaired)

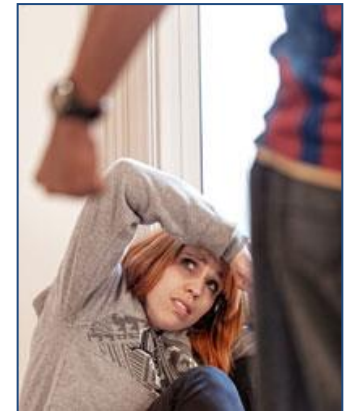
Do you have information about a crime but wish to remain anonymous? Leave an anonymous tip for Crime Stoppers of York Region at: 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or text TIPYORK and your message to CRIMES (274637) or leave a tip online at 1800222tips.com.

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Integrated Domestic Violence Unit

- Specially-trained investigators
- Respond to high-risk domestic violence cases involving intimate partners
- Review all domestic occurrences
- Liaise with community groups
- Develop internal and external training





Specialist Positions

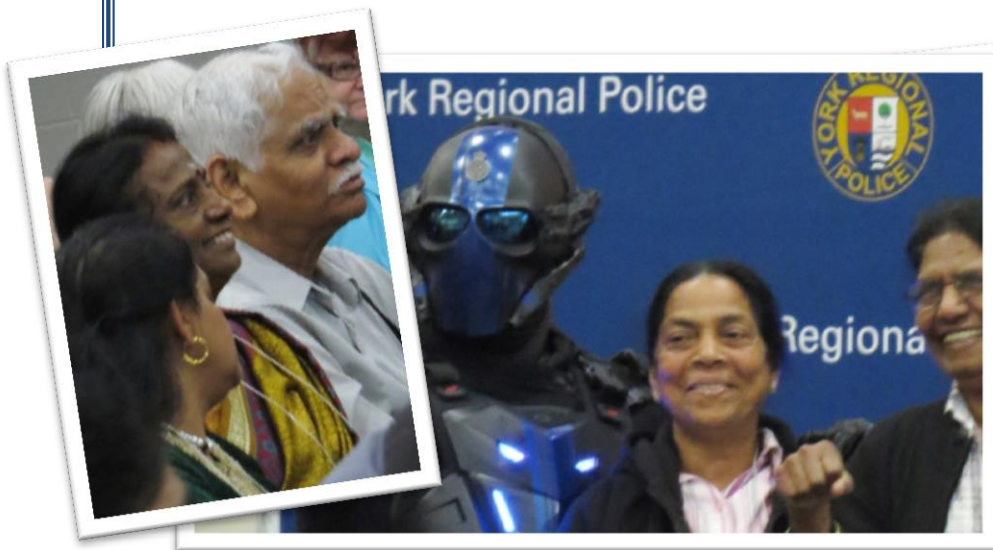
- Domestic Violence Civilian Liaison
- The Victim Assistance Officer
- Victim Notification Officer
- Quality Review Officer
- Senior Safety Officers





Business Plan

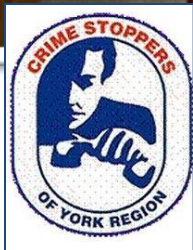
- Crime prevention through community engagement
- Victim support through community partnerships
- Diversity and Inclusion Unit
- Public trust and confidence





York Regional Police Response

Through Community Partnerships and Justice Partnerships





MADD Canada

MADD Canada's mission is to stop impaired driving and to support victims of this violent crime



I WILL SPEAK UP AGAINST IMPAIRED DRIVING

#ImTHATPerson



Victim Witness Assistance Program

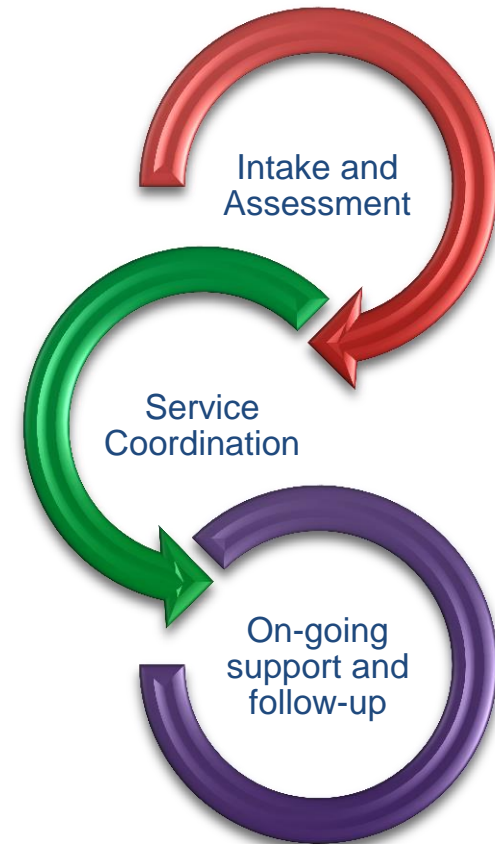
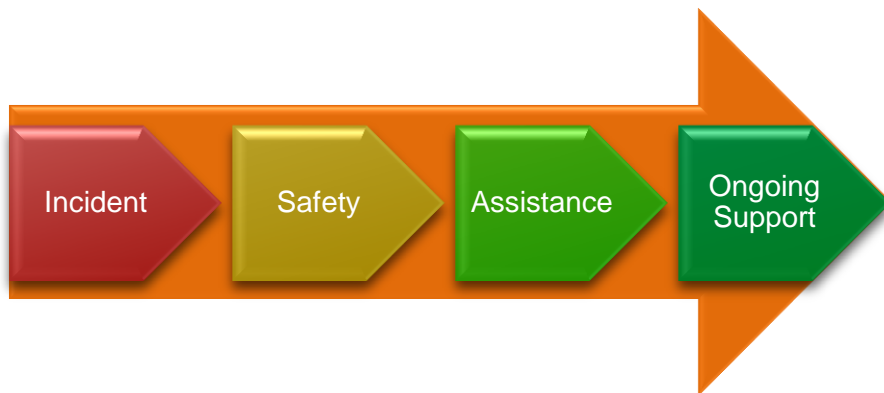
- Provide information, assistance and support to victims and witnesses of crime throughout the criminal court process in order to improve their understanding of and participation in the criminal justice system





York Region Centre for Community Safety

- 28 partner agencies under one roof
- When a client enters the centre, they only have to tell their story once and with documented permission and consent, this information can be shared with other service providers who will be providing support





YRCCS Partners

- Canadian Mental Health
- Children's Aid Society
- Community Legal Clinic
- Domestic Abuse Sexual Assault Centre
- Domestic Violence Crown Attorney
- Family Services York Region
- Legal Aid Ontario
- Moving Forward Foundation
- Sandgate Women's Shelter of York Region
- South Asian Legal Clinic
- Victim Services of York Region
- Victim Witness Assistance Program
- Yellowbrick House
- YMCA Employment and Community Services
- York Regional Police
- Multi-lingual Cultural Interpretation Services
- Welcome Centre
- John Howard Society
- AIDS Committee of York Region



Canadian Mental
Health Association
Mental health for all





Victim Services of York Region

- A non-profit charitable organization
- Provides 24-hour emotional support and practical assistance to incidents involving:
 - domestic violence
 - sexual assault
 - sudden death/suicide
 - traffic and fire fatalities
 - homicide
 - elder abuse
 - human trafficking
 - break and enter
 - family disputes
- Funded in part by:
 - Ministry of the Attorney General
 - United Way of Toronto and York Region
 - Town of Richmond Hill Lottery
 - Community Fundraising

Safety
Support
Recovery





Vision, Mission, Philosophy

Vision Statement:

It is the vision of Victim Services of York Region Inc. ("VSY") that all persons who have been victimized by crime or tragic circumstance in the Region of York receive an immediate, caring, skilled, effective, and supportive coordinated response with an emphasis on compassion and respect for personal dignity and privacy.

Mission Statement:

VSY is a non-profit, charitable, community-based organization working in partnership with York Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police, Aurora detachment, and York Region Fire Services to meet the short-term needs of victims of crime and tragic circumstance by providing emotional support, practical assistance, and referrals to community resources for continued support. Service delivery is based on the principles of empowerment and prevention through education and advocacy.

Philosophy Statement:

VSY strives to be a leader in service delivery excellence through our professional, knowledgeable, confidential, honest and compassionate approach to persons victimized by crime or tragic circumstance. To this end, VSY believes that every person experiences the impact of a crime or tragedy in a unique way and that each individual needs a safe, secure, caring, inclusive, supportive and non-judgmental environment to share these experiences. The organization, its Board of Directors, employees and volunteers, adopt core values that shape our service delivery approach.



Victim Services of York Region

Our Core Values:

ACCESSIBILITY

COMPASSION

EMPOWERMENT

VOLUNTEERISM

RESPECT & DIGNITY

COLLABORATION

EXCLUSIVITY

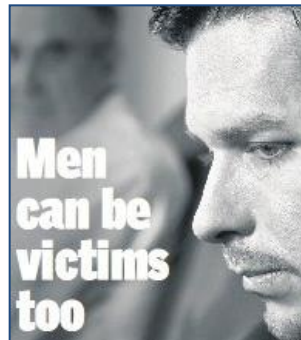
ACCOUNTABILITY

AWARENESS

EMPOWERMENT

ADVOCACY

INTEGRITY



We all need someone to stand by us at such times.



United Way
York Region
Partner Agency

Ontario
Trillium
Foundation



Fondation
Trillium
de l'Ontario



Programs and Services

- On-scene and Telephone Crisis Response
- Victim Quick Response Program
- Volunteer Program
- Project A.N.G.E.L.*
- Crisis Therapy Dogs
- Suicide Bereavement Support

THIS CRIME SCENE WILL RETURN TO NORMAL, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE VICTIM?

* A.N.G.E.L – Automated Notification GPS Emergency Locator



VSY Trends

- Online dating/social media
- Increased violence through social media
- Increased number of working poor
- Severity of violence increasing
- Complicated cases





VSY Trends

- Criminal justice system distrust
- Increased number of suicides
- Workplace/school harassment
- Mental health cases on the rise





Moving Forward





How Can You Help?

- Be informed
- Be educated
- Recognize what you see
- Report what you see

Victim Information Pamphlet

<http://www.yrp.ca/en/services/resources/victims-information-pamphlet-2012-print.pdf>

Canadian Government Web Site

<http://www.canada.ca/en/services/policing/victims/rolerights/index.html>





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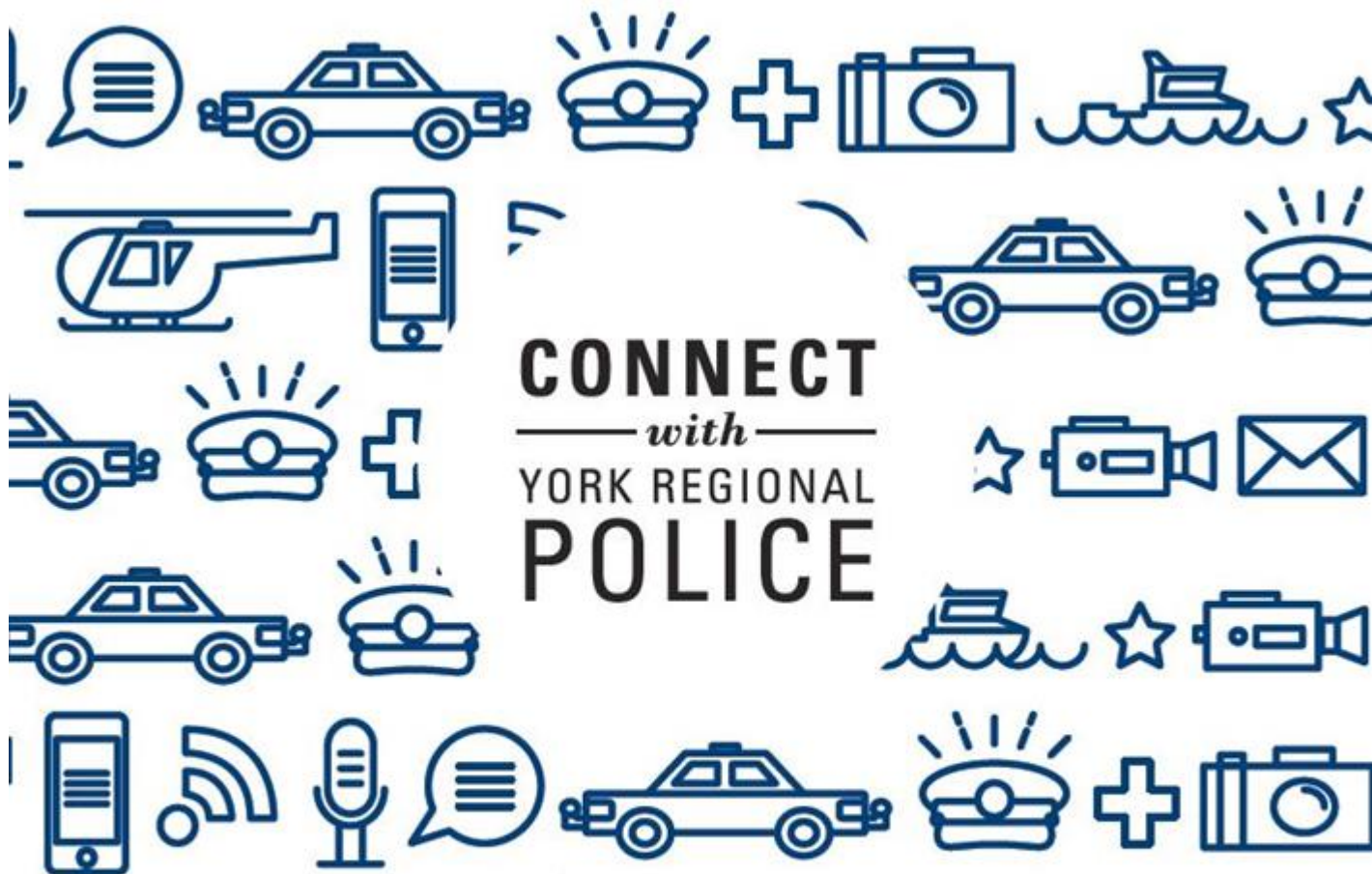
For life-threatening emergencies dial 9 1 1



Thank you

Questions?





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