



The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

To Make a Difference in Our Community

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Board Meeting Highlights For immediate release

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Volunteer of the Year Award

Chair Frank Scarpitti and Chief Eric Jolliffe presented Auxiliary Superintendent Lynn Symons with the Volunteer of the Year Award for her commitment and dedication as a volunteer with York Regional Police for 35 years. Lynn was a graduate of the very first Auxiliary class in May 1981. She was among 24 other members and is one of two that is still with the unit today. Lynn has demonstrated leadership and teamwork as she has risen through the ranks of the unit, from Constable to Sergeant and ultimately Superintendent. Auxiliary Superintendent Symons plays a key role in events such as Halloween in the Village and Holidays in the Village. She opens the Auxiliary General Meetings each month and performs Master of Ceremonies for Auxiliary Recruit Graduation Ceremonies and social events. She provides guidance and leadership to the new generation of Auxiliary members. The Board and the Executive Command Team thanked her for her many years of volunteer service.

2015 Use of Force Statistics for York Regional Police

The Chief reported on the 2015 Use of Force statistics for York Regional Police. Police officers are authorized to use a range of use of force options in the course of their duties. A Use of Force Report must be completed each time an officer uses a use of force option. The Use of Force report is a province-wide standardized method of collecting information by individual police services. The use of force figures increased in 2015. The Chief's report indicates that many of the increases can be attributable to more incidents regarding the humane dispatch of animals, a change to the Conducted Energy Weapon reporting requirements and also a higher number of suspects with weapons and edged-weapons. Some of the figures in the report are:

- 293 calls for police service resulted in a Use of Force report - a 56 percent increase from 2014
- 429 Use of Force reports were filed involving 457 officers – 59 percent increase from last year
- Firearms were pointed at a person 162 times in 2015 compared with 125 times in 2014
- Conducted Energy Weapons were used a total of 65 times in 2015 compared with 21 times in 2014
- 33 percent of use of force incidents occurred on a roadway and 47 percent occurred between 6:00pm and 6:00am.

For a full copy of the 2015 Use of Force report, please click [here](#).



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Board Supports Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Conference and Annual General Meeting

The Board approved sponsorship for the conference taking place May 11-14, 2015 in Niagara Falls, ON. The Ontario Association of Police Services Boards is the leading voice of police governance in Ontario.

Board Supports Canadian Association of Police Governance Conference and Annual General Meeting

The Board approved sponsorship for the conference taking place August 12 – 14, 2016 in Ottawa, ON. The Canadian Association of Police Governance is the only national organization dedicated to excellence in police governance in Canada.

Board Supports Ontario Women in Law Enforcement (OWLE)

The Board purchased a corporate table in support of the 18th Annual OWLE Awards Banquet to be held on May 6, 2016 in Mississauga, ON. The Ontario Women in Law Enforcement recognizes the significant contribution of women in law enforcement across Ontario.

Board Supports Community Safety Village (CSV)

The Board purchased sponsorship for the 11th Annual CSV Golf Tournament taking place June 24, 2016 in Kleinburg, ON. The Community Safety Village of York Region is dedicated to building a safer future for citizens of all ages and is an advocate for safety precautions and initiatives that prevent injury and loss of life.

Board Supports Crime Stoppers of York Region

The Board approved Gold sponsorship in support of Crime Stoppers of York Region's 24th Annual Wayne Snooks Golf Classic to be held at the Cardinal Golf Club in King on June 14th, 2016. Crime Stoppers encourages the citizens of York Region to assist the police in solving crimes.



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Next Police Services Board Meeting

The next Police Services Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 25, 2016** at **9:00 a.m.** Location: York Region Administrative Centre, Committee Room A, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket. A copy of the agenda will be posted on the Board's website five days before the meeting.

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