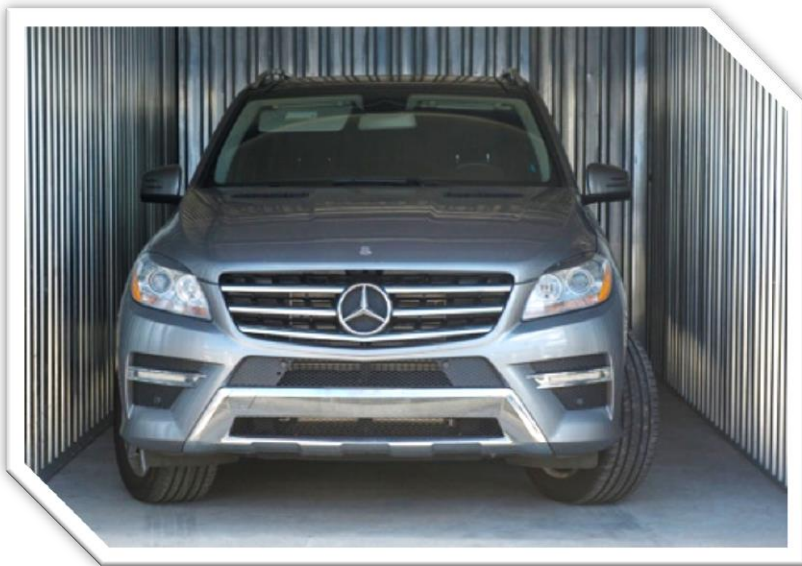




Auto/Cargo Theft



Auto Cargo Theft Unit

Inspector

Henry deRuiter

Detective Sergeant

Paul LaSalle

Detective Constable

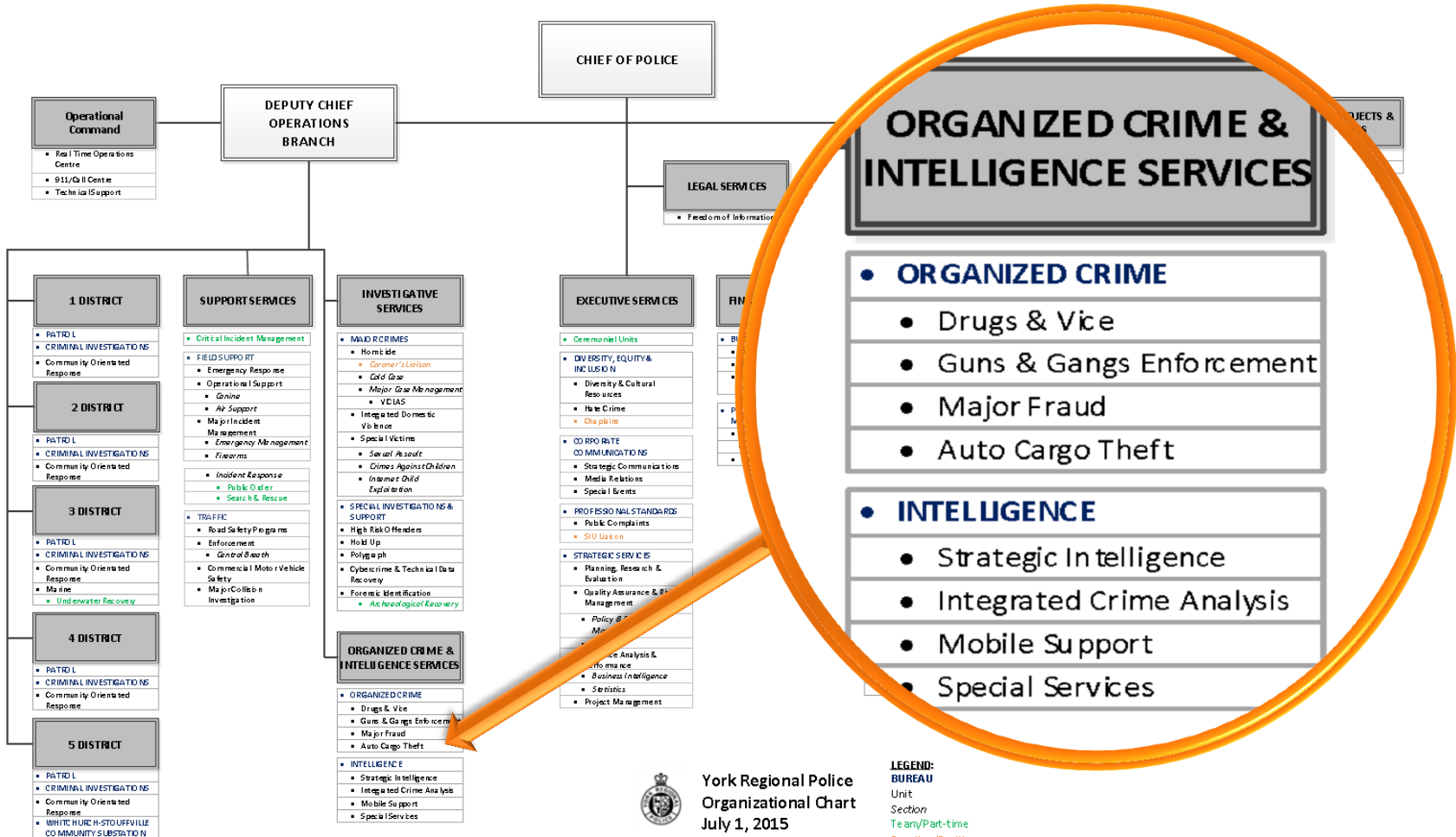
Scott Cresswell

January 20, 2016

Deeds Speak



Auto/Cargo



York Regional Police
Organizational Chart
July 1, 2015

LEGEND:
BUREAU
Unit
Section
Team/Part-time
Function/Position

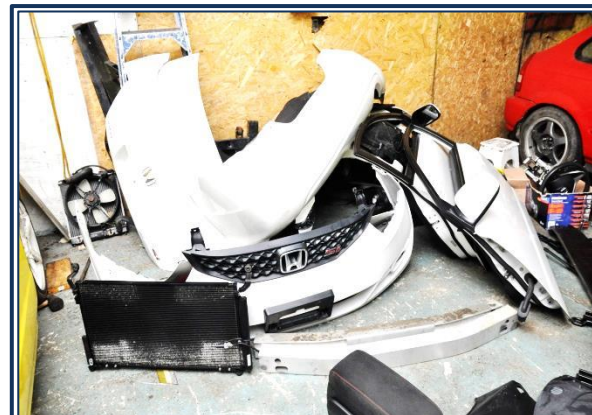


Auto/Cargo

These are some of the areas we specialize in. It takes special training and dedication to track down this type of theft, not only in York Region but internationally as well, since stolen cars are often shipped to other countries.



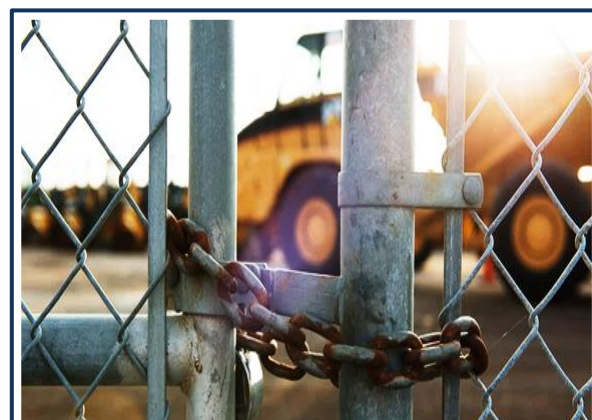
Auto Theft



Parts – Chop Shop



Cargo Theft



Heavy Equipment



Presentation Overview

- Unit mandate
- Specialized training
- Auto theft and heavy equipment theft
- Cargo theft
- Crime prevention initiatives
- What can the public do to help?



YRP Make Arrests In Warm-Up Theft Investigation

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Investigators with the York Regional Auto/Cargo Theft Unit have arrested three men and recovered nine vehicles that were recently stolen from driveways across York Region.

As temperatures have dropped, morning warm-up thefts have been an ongoing issue across York Region. Numerous vehicles have been stolen from driveways in Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan as their owners left the vehicles running, unlocked and unattended in their driveways. Officers with the York Regional Police Auto/Cargo Theft Unit investigated each of the incidents and were able to determine that many of the thefts were linked to the same group of suspects.



Auto/Cargo Theft Unit Mandate

- Organized auto thefts
- Chop shops
- Cargo thefts
- Heavy equipment thefts





Specialized Training

- Specialized investigation courses
- Vehicle manufacturing safeguard techniques
- Vehicle identification
 - Re-vinned
 - Cloned
 - Burned vehicles
 - Expert examinations



VIN
moved to
new stolen
vehicle





Impact of Auto Theft

- Local thefts feed regional and international markets
- Organized crime involved in the exportation and distribution of vehicles and cargo products





Vehicles Stolen in Canada

Exported all over the world

Africa

Middle East

Eastern Europe

South America

Far East





Impact of Auto Theft

- Automobile theft is much more than an insurance problem; it's an expensive social menace
- Costs Canadians close to \$1 billion, including \$542 million for insurers to fix or replace stolen vehicles
- \$250 million in police, health care and court system costs and millions more for correctional services



Top Stolen Vehicles in Ontario – 2015*

1. 2003 Cadillac Escalade 4DR 4WD SUV
2. 2010 Acura ZDX 4DR AWD SUV
3. 2009 BMW X6 4DR 4WD SUV
4. 2013 Acura MDX 4DR 4WD SUV
5. 2003 Chevrolet Avalanche 1500 2WD PU

*Insurance Bureau of Canada 2014



Impact of Cargo Theft

- Canadian Trucking Association pegs the cost of cargo crime at \$5 billion per year*
- \$1 million in new business required to cover a \$50,000 cargo loss
- Cargo theft impacts wages and the cost of goods to the wholesaler and, ultimately, the consumer



*Insurance Bureau of Canada 2014



Partnerships/Stakeholders

- Other police agencies
- Canada Border Services Agency
- Insurance Bureau of Canada
- Trucking associations
- Vehicle manufacturers
- Local businesses



Government of Canada



TOYOTA



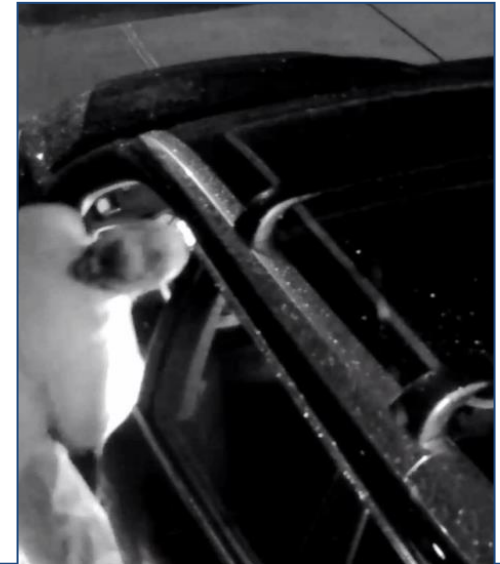
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Auto Theft

- Why vehicles are stolen
 - Re-vinning
 - Exportation
 - Insurance fraud
 - Dismantling for parts
 - Destination driving
 - Commission of other crimes



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Durham and York police unite to break up large GTA car theft ring

Cars stolen from across GTA were shipped to Africa



What Happens to Stolen Cars?



Results

Unrecoverable theft > Increased Insurance rates > Increased cost of vehicle



Organized Auto Theft

Organized Crime is often involved

- Project CBG
- Joint-forces investigation
- Eighteen arrests
- Over 200 vehicles
- \$11 million involved



Involved Toronto, Peel, Halton, CN and RCMP Police as well as Canada Border Services and the Insurance Bureau of Canada

TORONTO & GTA ONTARIO CANADA WORLD WEIRD ARCHIVES

NEWS TORONTO & GTA

Car theft ring stopped: York Regional Police

BY CHRIS DOUCETTE, TORONTO SUN

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Organized Auto Theft



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2015 Lexus LX570 coming soon. Call 08061577021 or 081577021 to place your order.





Organized Auto Theft

Thefts from GO Transit lots in York Region

- **Project Commuter - 2014**
 - Four arrests
 - Four search warrants
 - 65 criminal charges laid
 - 20 York thefts and 69 GTA thefts
- **Project GO-Pro - 2015**
 - Three arrests
 - Four search warrants
 - 48 charges





Cargo Theft

- More than \$3 million of cargo-related recoveries each year
- Organized crime involvement to coordinate thefts and facilitate distribution





Cargo Theft Cycle

The buyer could be you, a business person or a wholesaler

Buyer

Thief

After the theft, the product has to be separated from the vehicle, which would be stolen.

Warehouser

Product is warehoused to get it hidden until it can be sold

The Fence and the Trafficker act like advertiser and salesman, both with jobs to do

Trafficker

Fence





Cargo Theft

Project - Payload/Runner

- June 2014 to September 2015
- Organized crime group
- Six warrants executed in York, Toronto, and Oakville
- 23 cargo loads recovered
 - York, Peel, Toronto, Hamilton, London
- Nine arrests
- \$2.2 million





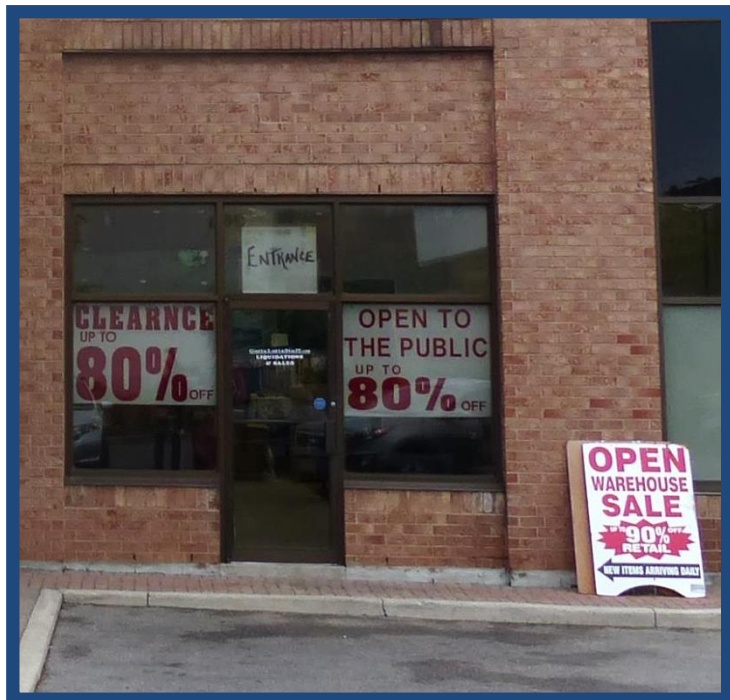
W5 Shadows the Auto/Cargo Unit





Cargo Theft

- Stolen product is re-marketed for sale
- Typical storefront for “discount goods”
- All inventory is stolen property





Auto Theft Prevention

- Never leave a running vehicle unattended
- Exercise caution when buying a vehicle privately
- Keep valuable items out of sight
- Maintain control of your vehicle keys at all times
- Invest in anti-theft devices like steering wheel locks, ignition/fuel kill switches, car alarms and personal safety alarms
- Beware of vehicles being offered for sale at lower than market value

Porsche, Mercedes latest targets in Vaughan warm up thefts

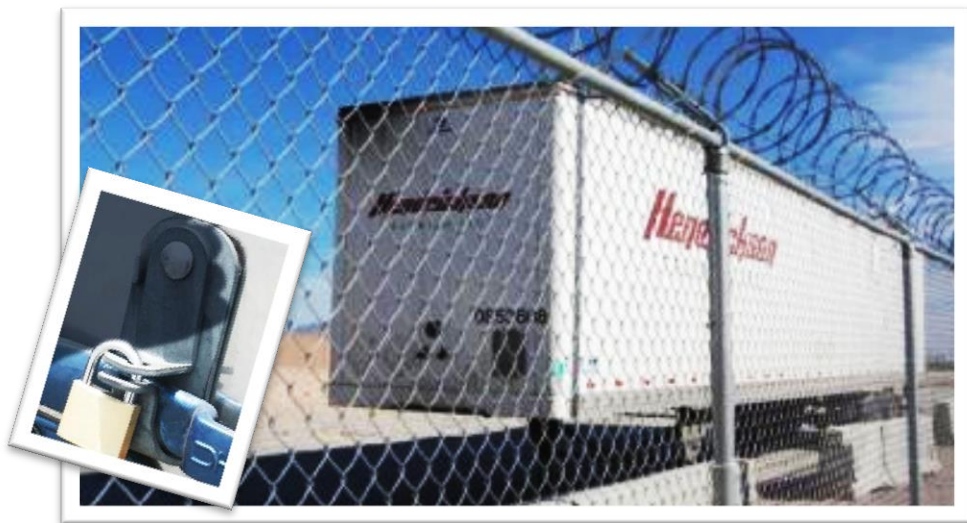
Police say thieves are targeting luxury vehicles, 5 stolen so far this year

CBC News | Posted: Jan 14, 2016 11:40 AM ET | Last Updated: Jan 14, 2016 2:36 PM ET



Cargo Crime Prevention

- Never leave a loaded trailer unattended
- Try to deliver during daytime hours when product can be off loaded into warehouse
- Use secure storage compounds
- Install high-quality video cameras
- GPS all trucks and trailers and if possible the product.





For More Information

York Regional Police Auto Cargo Theft Unit

For further information call
1-866-876-5423 extension 6651
For reporting incidents 1-866-876-5423
For life threatening calls dial 9-1-1



Don't Let Your Warm Car Become a Hot Car

Most incidents of vehicle theft are preventable. Reduce your risk:

- Do not leave the car unattended
- Invest in a keyless remote starter
- Lock your car doors, even if leaving the car for just a moment
- Maintain control of your keys at all times
- Invest in anti-theft devices like steering-wheel locks, ignition or fuel-kill switches, car alarms or personal safety alarms



CARGO CRIME COSTS ALL OF US

CASH REWARDS FOR TIPS!
1-800-222-8477(TIPS)

CRIME STOPPERS 

Cargo crime is a \$5 billion dollar problem

The trucking industry in Canada is a \$65 billion industry with approximately 400,000 Canadians. Trucks move 80 per cent of all consumer goods and foodstuffs within Canada.

Cargo crime costs us all and puts the well-being of truck drivers and other industry employees at risk. These crimes are preventable. They affect everything from jobs to the availability of merchandise on retail shelves. It takes an estimated \$1 million in business to cover a \$60,000 loss from cargo crime.

How do I contact Crime Stoppers?

Telephone 24-hour toll-free hotline within North America: 1-800-222-8477(TIPS).
Report securely online at www.tipsubmit.com or text your tip to 274637(CRIMES).

How does Crime Stoppers work?

Crime Stoppers is an international organization that assists in the arrest and conviction of criminals through anonymous tips.

The Crime Stoppers hotline is staffed by trained personnel who receive, process and pass on tip information to investigating police. Callers do not have to identify themselves. Instead they are given a secret code number.

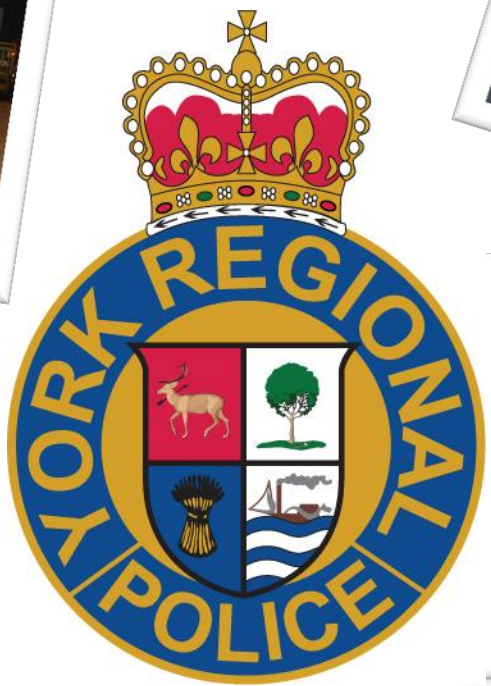
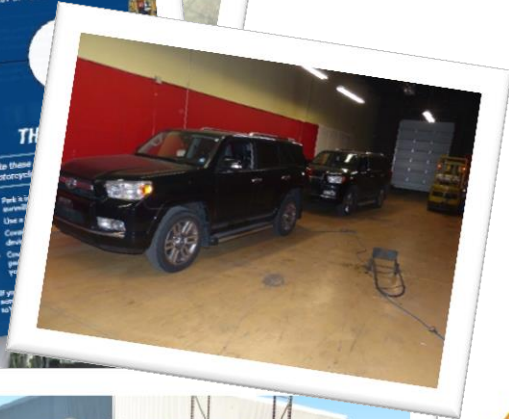
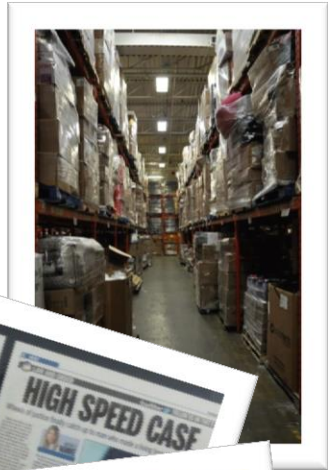
For information leading to arrests, stolen property and other criminal activity, you will never ask your name, you will not subscribe to mail display, you will never have to appear in court, your phone call or text message can never be traced back to you. ALWAYS!

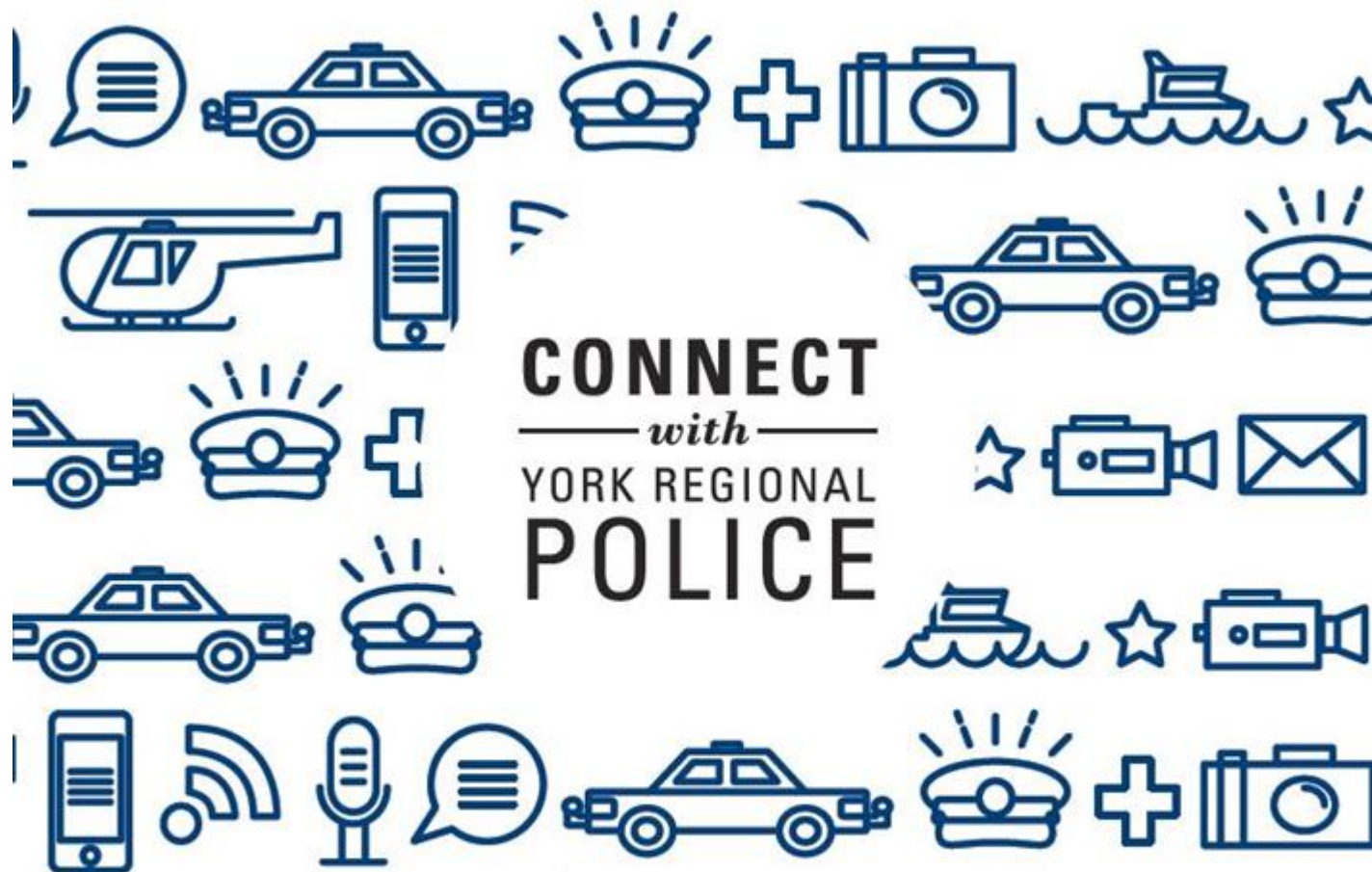
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