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Board Meeting Highlights March 23, 2016

\$50,000 Reward for 1972 Homicide

The Board approved a renewal of the award in the amount of \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the murder of Yvonne Leroux in 1972 in the Township of King.

2015 Crime Statistics

The overall crime rate went up by 5.3 percent in 2015. The property crimes rate increased by 8.2 percent and violent crime went up by 4.2 percent. Robbery violations increased by 8.3 percent. The total number of sexual violations increased by 20.6 percent in 2015 which means there were 84 more cases. Reported hate crimes occurrences decreased by 16.8 percent in 2015. 9-1-1 calls also decreased by 7.2 percent in 2015, and the clearance rate decreased slightly in 2015. Despite the reported increases in crime, York Region still remains one of the safest communities in Canada. For a full copy of the report, please visit our website.

Appointment of New Officers

The Board appointed 15 new police officers. Many of the officers have a university degree, are from a diverse community and speak multiple languages.

Board Supports CHATS (Community and Home Assistant to Seniors)

The Board approved the purchase of a foursome at the Chairman's Inaugural Charity Golf Tournament to be held on June 10, 2016. All proceeds go to Community and Home Assistant to Seniors (CHATS) which is a not-for-profit organization offering a full range of in-home and community services that enable seniors to continue living in their own home.





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Board Supports Association of Black Law Enforcers

The Board approved the purchase of one table at the upcoming 24th Annual Scholarship Awards Gala that will be held on May 7, 2016. ABLE is the association of law enforcement professionals whose goals are to promote racial harmony and cultural pride within law enforcement and to provide scholarships to students of different racial and cultural backgrounds.

Board Supports I Run & Rock – United by Trauma

The Board approved sponsorship for the 4th Annual I Run & Rock United by Trauma event to be held on May 28, 2016. The agency creates awareness of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and its impact on those in medical and emergency services. One of its programs provides service dogs to those who suffer from PTSD.

Next Police Services Board Meeting

The next Police Services Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 27, 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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