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DID YOU KNOW? York Regional Police Services Board will be hosting the 26th Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) in August 2015. The CAPB conference attracts professionals in police governance who attend for excellent networking opportunities combined with a high level learning program and interesting venues. www.yrpsb.ca

A Quarterly Newsletter from the **York Regional Police Services Board**

New Appointment to the Board

Ms Bang-Gu Jiang was sworn in as a Member of the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board at its meeting on June 26, 2013. The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario appointed Ms. Jiang to the Police Services Board for a two-year term effective June 20, 2013.

Ms. Bang-Gu Jiang obtained her first law degree in China and taught law in a university in Beijing. In 1989, she immigrated to Canada. She was admitted to Osgoode Hall Law School in 2000 and graduated in 2003 with a J.D. degree. Following her completion of the articles in the Law Division of Ontario Power Generation, she was called to the bar in



July 2004. In December 2004, she started her own law practice. Her law firm provides legal services in the areas of corporate/commercial and real estate law.

In addition to having become an experienced and established solicitor, Ms. Bang-Gu Jiang has consistently been an active community advocate, holding various positions such as the current President of the Canada-China Realty Professional Association and the current Vice President of the Chinese Professionals Association of Canada. She spearheaded the Chinese-Canadian community earthquake relief efforts back in 2008. She is a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. In addition, she recently won the Chinese Business Excellence Award – Social and Community Influence in January 2013.

Ms. Bang-Gu Jiang has been a long-term resident of York Region, where her two children were raised. Her son is currently attending Harvard Law School, and her daughter will be starting university in the fall.

Farewell to Board Member Joanna Yu

In June 2007, Ms. Joanna Yu was appointed to the Regional Municipality of

York Police Services Board by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. Ms Yu was re-appointed for another three- year term in 2008; and then again for one year in 2011. Ms. Yu made many positive contributions and supported events which promote safer communities. During her six- year tenure, she has supported the Board in making significant decisions such as recruiting and hiring a Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police. She has supported many board resolutions and was an advocate for stronger and safer communities. Ms. Yu was presented with a commemorative plaque at the May Board meeting.



A Newsletter from the York Regional Police Services Board **Upcoming Board** Meetings and **Presentation Topics**

September 25, 2013 **Drug Control and** Enforcement

October 16, 2013 Emergency Support— **Tactical Response**

November 20, 2013 2014 Police Budget and **Priorities**

Deputy Chief Receives Police Order of Merit

On May 24, 2013, Deputy Chief Tom Carrique was invested into the Order of Merit by his Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada. The Order of Merit of the Police Forces honours a career of exceptional service or distinctive merit displayed by the men and women of Canadian police services and recognizes their commitment to this country. The focus is on exceptional merit, contributions to policing and community development. The Board congratulates Deputy Chief Carrique on this tremendous accomplishment.



Community Recognition Volunteer of the Year Award

Vice Chair Barbara Bartlett and Chief Eric Jolliffe presented Mr. Richard (Rich) Boyne with the Volunteer of the Year Award for his commitment and dedication as a volunteer with York Regional Police (YRP). His volunteer career over the past 15 years includes the local Terry Fox Run, the Optimists Club, a founding member of Aurora Police and Community Together (PACT), York Region Youth Justice Committee and treasurer trainee on the Ontario Association for Counselling and Attendance Services (OACAS) Audit Committee.



2013 Special Olympics

York Regional Police and Special Olympics Ontario will host the 2013 Special Olympics Summer Games, from July 11 - 14, 2013. Various events including rhythmic gymnastics, track and field, soccer, softball and golf will take place across all nine York Region municipalities . The nine hundred (900) athletes from across Ontario will participate in the three-day event and will be supported by five hundred (500) local volunteers. The York Regional Police Services Board is recognized as a Partner Sponsor.

Cost Recovery from Clandestine Drug Labs

At its meeting on May 15, 2013 the Police Services Board passed a resolution requesting that the remaining

municipalities in York Region pass a by-law to recover the costs of the inspection, remediation and abatement of clandestine drug labs. As well the Board resolved that the remaining municipalities be requested to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate York Regional Police's recovery of the costs associated with the inspection, remediation and abatement of clandestine drug labs.

To enable York Regional Police to recover costs incurred in the dismantling of marihuana grow operations and illicit clandestine laboratories, the local municipalities in York Region would need to enact a by-law that imposes a fee or charges for the service provided by police.

By doing this the local municipality establishes a process of attributing the cost for remediating the illegal activity to the owner of the property. It further provides a means of recouping costs through property taxes where the property owners default on fees or other costs attributed to the remediation process.

2012 Crime Statistics

The overall crime rate in York Region decreased for the ninth year in a row, dropping 5.4% in 2012. The rates for property crimes and assaults have both decreased. The assault rate decreased by 4.8% or 160 fewer incidents from 2011, and the property crimes rate decreased by 2% or 426 few incidents from 2011. The number of cases that were cleared in 2012 was 62.1% which is a slight increase from 2011. 9-1-1 calls decreased by 4.2% in 2012.

Reported Hate Crime occurrences in York Region decreased by 10.1% in 2012 compared to the corresponding period in 2011. There were 89 criminal occurrences of hate-motivated crime reported in 2012 compared to 99 in 2011.

Crime increases in the Region include a slight increase in the rate of domestic-related occurrences and a thirteen per cent (13.7%) increase in sexual violations.

York Region still remains one of the safest communities in Canada in which to live, visit and conduct business.

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