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A Quarterly Newsletter from the York Regional Police Services Board

Online Reporting of Community Concerns

York Regional Police has expanded its online reporting capabilities to include the online reporting of community-based complaints.

You can now file a report online at www.yrp.ca if you have concerns about repeated behaviour or activity in your community including ongoing traffic violations at a particular intersection, inappropriate activity at public parks or plazas, graffiti at a local school or any ongoing activity that affects the enjoyment of your community.

To file a report you will be asked to provide some personal information such as your name and address, your gender and date of birth, as well as your phone number and email address. You may also have to disable your computer's pop-up blocking software before proceeding.



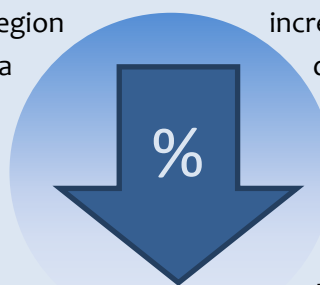
"York Regional Police is dedicated to a coordinated and integrated approach to building stronger and safer communities" said Chief Eric Jolliffe. "The ability to report community concerns through our online reporting systems allows our citizens to be involved in the safety of their communities from the comfort of their homes and at their own convenience". For more information visit <https://onlinereporting.yrp.ca/communityconcerns.html>

2013 Crime Statistics in York Region

The overall crime rate in York Region decreased for the tenth year in a row, dropping 8.1 percent in 2013. The rate for property crimes dropped by 8.2 percent and violent crime rate decreased by 9.8 percent. Hate crimes dropped by 15.7 percent; however, Criminal Code traffic violations

increased by 7.0 percent. 9-1-1 calls decreased by 7.4 percent in 2013.

Crime increases in the Region include an increase in the rate of criminal traffic violations increasing 9.1 percent and a 5.2 percent increase in alarm calls. York Region still remains one of the safest communities in Canada in which to live, visit and conduct business.



2014 Board Meetings and Presentation Topics

January 22, 2014

Organized Crime and Gangs in York Region

February 19, 2014

Conducted Energy Weapons

March 26, 2014

Keeping our Seniors Safe

April 16, 2014

Police and Social Media

May 14, 2014

Patrolling Our Neighbourhoods

June 25, 2014

9-1-1 Dispatch

September 10, 2014

How Technology Has Changed Policing

November 12, 2014

2015 Police Budget and Priorities

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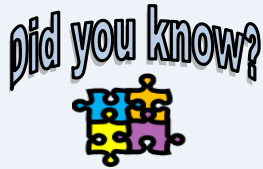
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Ceremonial Mounted Unit



York Regional Police launched its new Ceremonial Mounted unit on April 14 at Police Headquarters in Aurora. Members of the community, media and York Regional Police gathered for the event. The new unit is comprised of sworn and civilian members who volunteer their time to support the unit. Funds raised at Police Appreciation Night were used to purchase the horse trailers which are used for the mounted unit. The Ceremonial unit representing both York Regional Police and the Chief of Police was established to perform at specific functions and events. The ceremonial unit will support our community and engagement initiatives as well as create a positive impact on the community.



The York Police Services Board has over 150 citizens attend presentations at the public session of its meetings every year and holds nine meetings each year.

Therapy Dog Launch



Photo Credit: St. John Ambulance

On April 9, 2014, York Regional Police along with Victim Services of York Region and St. John Ambulance introduced the new Crisis Intervention Therapy Dog Program as part of the National Victims of Crime Awareness Week. Any person who has been victimized by crime or tragic circumstances in York Region receives the option of a therapy dog response which is immediate, caring, skilled, effective and coordinated with an emphasis on compassion and respect for personal dignity and privacy. Therapy dogs improve lives on a daily basis and bring joy and comfort to those in need. This collaborative initiative is a proven effective method of assisting persons victimized by crime or tragic circumstances.

Community Recognition

Volunteer of the Year Award

Chair Frank Scarpitti and Chief Eric Jolliffe presented Mr. Peter Fudge with the Volunteer of the Year Award for his commitment and dedication as a volunteer with York Regional Police. Mr. Fudge has been associated with YRP since 2009. Peter is the Sales Manager for Cosmo Music and an integral partner during the development of the YRP Youth Band, officially joining the band as its second conductor in January 2012. Mr. Fudge's contributions to the Youth Band are significant given his wealth of musical knowledge and talent. Peter's love for working with youth is always evident when he steps into his role as conductor. His skills and creativity have supported the Youth Band to excel above and beyond its own expectations. Mr. Fudge expressed his appreciation for receiving this award and being given the opportunity to participate in this YRP initiative.



Board Supports Resolution: Medical Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulation

At its meeting on May 14, 2014, the York Police Services Board supported a resolution by the Durham Regional Police Board regarding the Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulation. The resolution supports the implementation of a formal process to be in place for local police authorities to be involved prior to granting or extending a license to produce marihuana. As well, that Health Canada advise police authorities that a license has been issued in their jurisdiction. Furthermore, that the location of the marihuana production site be disclosed to the local police.

The York Regional Police Services Board oversees the York Regional Police. Under the Police Services Act, the Police Services Board is responsible for recruiting and appointing the Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police; assessing the Chief's performance; approving annual operating and capital budgets for the police service; establishing policies and by-laws for the effective management of the police service and preparing a business plan for the police service every three years.

Board Supports Resolution: Suspension without Pay

At its meeting on May 14, 2014, the York Police Services Board supported a resolution by the Hamilton Police Board regarding Ontario Police Services Act (PSA) - Suspension without Pay. The Board endorsed the recommendation which allows for the suspension without pay of police officers who are charged with Police Services Act violations where the Chief of Police would seek dismissal of the officer.

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