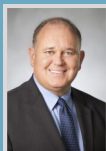




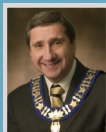
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Chair Re-elected - Mayor Frank Scarpitti

At its meeting on January 22, 2014 The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board re-elected Mayor of the City of Markham, Frank Scarpitti, as its Board Chair for 2014. York Regional Council appointed Mayor Frank Scarpitti to the Police Services Board on May 25, 2007, and he was re-appointed in November 2010 for the term of Council which ends November 30, 2014. Mr. Scarpitti has been a member of Regional Council for 27 years and was elected Mayor of Markham in 2006 and re-elected in 2010 for a further four-year term. He is also the Vice Chair of PowerStream and Chair of Markham Enterprise Corporation; and currently Co-Chair of the Markham-Stouffville Hospital's Capital Campaign which is well on its way to raising \$50 million to complete the hospital's expansion.

Vice Chair Re-elected - Barbara Bartlett

The Police Services Board re-elected Barbara Bartlett as its Vice Chair. Mrs. Bartlett was first appointed to the Board in 2008 and was elected as Vice Chair in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. Vice Chair Bartlett has held long-standing leadership positions with many community agencies including serving as President of the Community Living Newmarket/Aurora and District Board. In 2008 she received the Excellence in Community Service Award from Community Living Newmarket/ Aurora and in 2010 the Rotary Club of Newmarket awarded her with the 2010 Vocational Service Award.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Community Substation

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Community Substation opened to the public on February 17, 2014. The facility is run by Staff Sergeant Ed Burke and is staffed by 21 constables who work 24/7 within the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. There are no holding cells within the substation; accused parties will be transported to #5 District in Markham for processing.

Services provided at this location include criminal background checks, police record checks, police information checks, police vulnerable sector checks, fingerprint services, copy of collision or incident reports and record suspensions (pardons). These services are provided from Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



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Conducted Energy Weapons

Conducted Energy Weapons (CEWs) have been carried by police in Ontario since 2002 and are used by frontline supervisors, tactical units, hostage rescue teams and containment teams. In November 2013, the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services gave authority to police services to determine which officers should be permitted to carry CEWs, based on local needs and circumstances.



Police services will provide direction to its members on when it is appropriate to use CEWs, will increase reporting provisions, will enhance CEW training to include scenario-based training and training for interactions with people with mental health issues and will provide an opportunity for community consultation.

The use of force model requires the officer to continually assess a situation and select the most reasonable option relative to those circumstances as perceived at that time. Officers are trained to use communication as a method of diffusing situations in addition to using judgment and restraint. Conducted energy weapons provide police with a less lethal force option used to incapacitate armed or assaultive persons. Where control must be gained, the CEW incapacitates through direct contact to conduct energy to affect the sensory and motor functions of the nervous system. Common effects include pain, falling to the ground and strong involuntary muscle contractions in the affected area. An assailant is generally incapacitated for a short period of time with no residual effects. Officers can also gain compliance by demonstrating the CEWs electrical current and sound without deploying the device. Quarterly maintenance and annual analysis are conducted on the CEWs to ensure operational function and compliance with manufacturer specifications is maintained.

A presentation at the Police Services Board meeting in February was made to obtain feedback from members of the public on the CEW program in York Region. The program will expand to include front line members of York Regional Police and some specialized units. A copy of the presentation can be viewed here: [Conducted Energy Weapons](#)

In 2013, CEWs were used a total of 14 times by front-line supervisors and members of the Emergency Response Unit compared with 12 times in 2012.

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; preparing a business plan for the police service every three years.

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