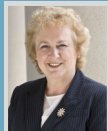




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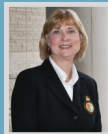
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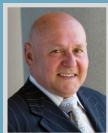
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## A Quarterly Newsletter from the York Regional Police Services Board

### Mayor Scarpitti Re-Elected as Chair

At its meeting on January 21, 2015 the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board re-elected Mayor of the City of Markham, Frank Scarpitti as the Board Chair for 2015 for the fourth consecutive year. Mr. Scarpitti was first elected as Regional Councillor in 1985 and subsequently re-elected to Regional Council. In 2006, he became the Mayor of Markham and was re-elected as Mayor in 2010 and 2014. Mayor Scarpitti has served on the Board since 2007 and was first elected Chair in January 2012.

### Barbara Bartlett Re-Elected as Vice Chair

The Police Services Board re-elected Barbara Bartlett as Vice Chair of the Board for 2015. Mrs. Bartlett was first appointed to the Board in 2008 and has been elected as Vice Chair since 2010. 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. She is also on the Board of Directors for the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards.

### Use of Force Statistics

The Police Services Board received the annual report on the York Regional Police Use of Force data. Whenever an officer uses any type of force, a Use of Force Report must be completed. The report is a province-wide standardized method of collecting information by individual police services. Data from the report show:

- 165 calls for service resulted in Use of Force reports in 2014
- A total of 254 reports were filed involving 277 officers
- There has been a downward trend in the last few years but an increase since 2013
- Firearms were drawn and pointed 125 times in 2014 compared with 110 times in 2013
- When firearms are discharged it is typically to destroy an animal humanely
- Conducted Energy Weapons were used a total of 21 times in 2014
- 33 per cent of use of force occurred on roadways and mostly between 6:00pm and 6:00am.

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.

## 2015 Board Meetings and Presentation Topics

**January 21, 2015**

2015 Police Budget and Priorities

**February 18, 2015**

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**March 25, 2015**

Preventing and Investigating Property Crimes

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Combating Organized Crime

**May 20, 2015**

Keeping Our Children Safe

**June 24, 2015**

Police Canine Unit

**September 23, 2015**

Road Safety and Traffic Enforcement

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2016 Police Budget and Priorities

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## A Newsletter from the York Regional Police Services Board

### 2014 Award for Civic Leadership

Chair Frank Scarpitti and Chief Eric Jolliffe presented Dr. Aubrey Zidenberg with the 2014 Award for Civic Leadership in recognition of his work as a dedicated advocate for positive change, support for community safety and success in initiatives aimed at eliminating conflict, discrimination and injustice in our community. The Board created its Award for Civic Leadership in 2006 to recognize the highest level of excellence in civic duty.

Recipients of the Award for Civic Leadership are stellar leaders in their fields who enhance community safety and promote positive relations between the citizens and York Regional Police.

Previous recipients of the Board's highest honour include Mr. Daniele Zanotti, Mr. Dave Williams, Mrs. Daisy Wai, Mr. Gary Thompson, Mrs. Barbara L. McDonald, Ms. Illeen Pat Howell, Ms. Margaret Williams, Mr. Leo McArthur, and the late Mr. Kamil Sadiq.



### Public Complaints Statistics

In 2014, there were a total of 115 public complaints against York Regional Police officers. This represents a 6 per cent decrease in public complaints from 2013. Forty-six (46) public complaints were investigated with one resulting in discipline towards an officer. Fourteen (14) complaints were informally resolved, eleven were withdrawn, six determined to be unsubstantiated as well as one service complaint was unsubstantiated. Thirteen complaints (13) are still under investigation. Sixty-three (63) were not accepted by the Office of the Independent Police Review Director<sup>1</sup> because they were determined to be frivolous, vexatious or made in bad faith; could be better dealt with under another statute; were not in the public interest and were over six months old.

### New Service Fees and Charges

The Board enacted a new Fees and Charges By-Law which is a means for cost recovery through user fees. The new motor vehicle collision report fee transfers the full cost of collision investigations from taxpayers to the insurance industry. The new false alarm fees or pay-as-you-go model has proven to have a deterrent effect, resulting in increased keyholder verification by the alarm industry and a decrease in police resources. Another change to the by-law includes an increase in the administration fee of paid duty from 18% to 20% to reflect the full cost recovery of supervision and to offset the cost of a new community events fund. For the full list of fees and charges, please visit [www.yrp.ca](http://www.yrp.ca)

<sup>1</sup> OIPRD is an independent body that receives, manages and oversees all public complaints against police officers in Ontario.

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