



# BOARD FORUM

A Quarterly Newsletter from the  
York Regional Police Services Board

## Chief Receives Transformation Award

On June 16, 2017, Chief Eric Jolliffe was presented with the prestigious Transformation Award for Public Service from the Transformation Institute for Leadership and Innovation. The Transformation Awards honour leadership, excellence, development and innovation as well as harmony and the best of cultural diversity.

Chief Jolliffe was selected to receive the award for his distinguished leadership and commitment to diversity, harmony and public safety.

Previous recipients of the award include former Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander and Mayor Frank Scarpitti.



From Left to Right: Chairman Emmerson, Chief Jolliffe, Vice Chair Hackson and Chair Scarpitti.

## Board Resolution on the Effective Policing of the *Cannabis Act*

The York Regional Police Services Board adopted a resolution on the Effective Policing of the *Cannabis Act*. On April 14, 2017 the federal government introduced legislation related to the legalization of cannabis for recreational use in certain circumstances. The Board's resolution calls upon the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to establish new funding to police services for the enforcement of the legislation. The Board's resolution also urges the government to consult with police services in advance of the July 2018 implementation date and calls for the establishment of a comprehensive public education strategy aimed at youth, vulnerable groups and adults. Visit the [Board's website](#) for a copy of the resolution.



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## 2017 Board Meeting Dates

January 25

February 15

March 22

April 19

May 24

July 10

September 20

October 18

November 15

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### Training Facility Grand Opening

With more than 200 dignitaries and community members in attendance, the York Regional Police training facility opened its doors on July 12, 2017. Tours were conducted of the 89,000 square-foot state-of-the-art facility which features 10 classrooms,

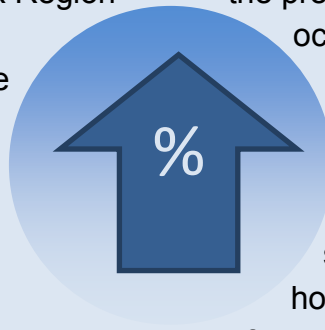


From Left to Right: Brad Rogers, Chief Jolliffe, Vice Chair Hackson, Chair Scarpitti, Bang-Gu Jiang, Khalid Usman, John Molyneaux, Chairman Emmerson

a simulation training room, practical skills training room, 18-lane firing range at 50-metres and police vehicle operations driving simulator. The facility acts as a one-stop shop for the 2,200 sworn and civilian members designed to meet their annual training, professional development and educational requirements.

### 2016 Crime Statistics in York Region

The overall crime rate in York Region increased by 1.7 percent in 2016. The property crime rate increased by 2.2 percent and violent crime rate went up by 3.0 percent. Robbery violations increased by 22.2 percent. The rate of sexual violations increased by 15.2 percent in 2016 with 85 more reported cases than in



the previous year. Reported hate crimes occurrences decreased by 3.4 percent in 2016. 9-1-1 calls also decreased by 1.6 percent in 2016, and the clearance rate decreased slightly in 2016. The overall crime rate has seen slight increases since 2014; however York Region still remains one of the safest communities in Canada.

### 2016 Annual Report

The 2016 York Regional Police Annual Report includes a summary of high-profile investigations, information on community engagement and crime prevention programs, a feature on officers and projects, organization and individual awards, statistical reporting and the 2016 Business Plan accomplishments. The 2016 Annual Report will be available on the [Board's website](#).

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Public Board meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. in Committee Room A in the York Region Administrative Centre

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