



## The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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## MEDIA RELEASE

## Police Services Board Meeting Highlights

March 25, 2015

### Deputy Chief André Crawford receives the BBPA Harry Jerome Social Engagement Award

Deputy Chief André Crawford has been selected as the winner of the **2015 BBPA Harry Jerome Social Engagement Award** which is being presented to him by the Black Business & Professional Association. The Social Engagement Award is presented to an individual who promotes the social environmental or cultural development of the community or one that demonstrated a significant impact with substantial benefits to the community through its application. The Board congratulates Deputy Chief Crawford on receiving this prestigious honour.

### Preventing and Investigating Property Crimes

Chief Eric Jolliffe and his team presented **Preventing and Investigating Property Crimes**.

The most common types of property crimes are residential and commercial break and enters, street-level robberies, theft from autos and auto thefts. An effective way to solve and to prevent these crimes is through interaction and consultation with the community. Community engagement allows the police to identify the concerns and spread the message on how to prevent victimization. Some community outreach initiatives include: home safe home, lock it or lose it, graffiti eradication and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). Social media is also a useful tool in reaching out to the public and encouraging the community to come together through programs like Community Watch Keswick.

To view the entire presentation, please click [here](#).

### Board Renews Reward for Homicide Investigation

The Board approved a renewal of \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the murder of Yvonne Leroux who was murdered in 1972.

### Use of Force Statistics

Whenever an officer uses any type of force, a Use of Force Report must be completed. The Use of Force report is a province-wide standardized method of collecting information by individual police services.

- 165 calls for service resulted in Use of Force reports in 2014
- A total of 254 reports were filed involving 277 officers
- 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



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- 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% of use of force occurred on roadway and mostly between 6pm and 6am.

Board supports Sponsorship for the following:

### CIRG Inaugural Bi-Annual CIECYR DEIAS Awards and Benefit Gala

The Board approved the purchase of a corporate table. All proceeds raised by the Benefit Gala will go towards the building of a school library in the new learning centre that will replace the existing school as well as supporting the educational needs of the children and youth of Georgina Island.

### Community Safety Village

The Community Safety Village of York Region is dedicated to building a safer future for citizens of all ages and is an advocate for safety precautions and initiatives that prevent injury and loss of life.

### I Run & Rock – United by Trauma

The Board approved sponsorship for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event. United by Trauma creates awareness of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and its impact on those in medical and emergency services.

### Association of Black Law Enforcers (ABLE) – 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scholarship Awards Ball

The Board approved the purchase of one table. **ABLE** is an association of law enforcement professionals and associated community members who are committed to the betterment of the communities in which we live and work.

### 2015 OAPSB Conference and Annual General Meeting

The Board approved sponsorship for the conference taking place May 27-30, 2015 in Toronto.

## Next Police Services Board Meeting

The next Police Services Board meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015 at the York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, in Committee Room A at 1:00 p.m.

**For further information** please contact Executive Director, Mafalda Avellino at 905-830-4444 x. 77906 or email: [psb@yrp.ca](mailto:psb@yrp.ca). Please visit the York Regional Police Service Board website by clicking [here](#) for a copy of the presentation, Board Reports and Minutes from the Board meeting.

**Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.**