



The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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Police Services Board Meeting Highlights

February 18, 2015

Police Encounter with People in Crisis

Chief Eric Jolliffe and his team presented **Police Encounters with People in Crisis**. Officers are trained to use the Ontario use of force model to continually assess situations and select the most reasonable option relative to the circumstance as perceived at that point in time. They are trained to diffuse the situation through communication using three principles; being professional, preventing escalation and de-escalating situations with professionalism, empathy and active listening skills. Officers are required to take a crisis intervention training course which focus on empathy and the understanding of mental illnesses. Ongoing realistic-scenario training is used to encourage good judgement and reduce confrontation in real-life situations. All frontline officers are trained in crisis intervention and resiliency training which helps them manage stress. The YRP Mental Health Support team provides assistance to the community by providing support, resource information, assessments and education. They also avert crisis escalation and injury, link persons with mental illness to community resources, create justice diversion, reduce the number of hospital admissions and improve an officer's perception of individuals with mental illness. Ways to help include educating yourself about mental illness, listen and help and seek assistance from community service providers. York Regional Police partners with multiple organizations to help connect citizens with the support they need.

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

Board Supports 23rd Annual Police Appreciation Night

The Board purchased two corporate tables at the **23rd Annual Police Appreciation Night** to be held on May 12, 2015. The mission of the Organizing Committee is to support the mandate of York Regional Police by organizing and conducting events that will encourage public support of the service and raise money to fund police programs and equipment.

Reclassification of 21 Officers

The Board approved the reclassification of 21 officers. The officers are deployed on the front-lines and are responsible for patrolling our neighborhoods, roads and business areas.



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Amended 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 click [here](#).

Next Police Services Board Meeting

The next Police Services Board meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 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. 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.