



## **The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board**

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Board Meeting Highlights September 23, 2015**

### **Chief Jolliffe recipient of the Officer of the Order of Merit**

The Board congratulated the Chief for receiving the Officer of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces, an honour which recognizes outstanding meritorious service in duties and responsibility over an extended period.

### **Road Safety and Traffic Enforcement**

York Regional Police made a presentation on its road safety programs such as Distracted Driving, Cross Smart, Anti-Street Racing, R.I.D.E. and Pedestrian Safety. The presentation also included a list of traffic statistics and also a review of the recent changes to the *Highway Traffic Act*. Please visit the Board's website to view the presentation.

### **Board Appoints New Police Officers**

The Board appointed nine police officers assigned as Cadets-in-Training. The new officers bring a vast array of life skills and linguistic abilities. The Board also appointed three experienced police officers.

### **Resolution on Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women and Girls**

At the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) last month, the York Regional Police Services Board put forward an emergency resolution that the CAPG call upon the Federal government to hold a public inquiry into the missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls. The resolution was passed. The Board is joining one of many voices to support a national inquiry. Please visit the Board's website to view the resolution.

### **Crime Rate in York Region**

The overall crime rate in York Region increased by 8.6 percent during the first half of 2015 as compared to the first half of 2014. The rate of crimes against persons increased by 12.4 percent during that same period, and the rate of property crimes increased by 11.3 percent. Decreases were seen in drug violations, violations causing death and other Criminal Code Traffic Violations. The overall clearance rate decreased slightly to 62.5 percent.



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### **Semi-Annual Report on Public Complaints**

There was a 38 percent increase in public complaints against police officers for the same time period last year. Eighty complaints were filed with the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD) against 95 members of the Service. Thirty-eight complaints related to police procedures, five complaints related to physical assault, 16 related to verbal abuse, seven related to misuse of authority and 14 related to policy/service.

### **2016 Schedule of Board Meetings**

The Board approved the 2016 schedule of Board meetings and the Presentation Topics. There are four scheduled presentations for next year including Auto Cargo Theft, Emergency Management, Real Time Operations Centre and the Draft 2017 Police Budget. Board Meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please visit our website for the full schedule.

### **St. John Ambulance**

The Board approved support of the St. John Ambulance annual charity gala taking place on October 23, 2015 in Vaughan, Ontario.

### **Next Police Services Board Meeting**

The next Police Services Board meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, October 21, 2015 when the Chief will present the draft 2016 Police Budget. Location: 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 extension: 77906 or email: [psb@yrp.ca](mailto:psb@yrp.ca). Please visit the Board's website [here](#) for a copy of the presentation, Board agenda, Board reports and Minutes from the Board meetings.

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