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New Deputy Chief of Police



The Board selected Superintendent Robertson Rouse as a new Deputy Chief of Police for York Regional Police. Superintendent Rouse brings over 30 years of service and has significant experience as the officer-in-charge of many operational areas of the organization such as #5 District in Markham, Sexual Assault, Child Abuse, Domestic Violence and many other areas. Over the last several years, Superintendent Rouse has overseen staff services which includes Human Resources and Employee Relations. Along with exceptional accomplishments in both administration and operations, Robertson's commitment to community includes being a Co-Chair of the Markham African Caribbean Association – District Liaison Committee, Vice Chair of the Chief's Equity Advisory Committee and Chair of the YRP Black History Month Committee among many other positions. Superintendent Rouse is past Vice Chair and Chair of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) Diversity Committee and was part of the Policing Standards Committee Hate Crime Working Group for the OACP. Deputy Chief Designate Rouse will be sworn in on September 26, 2018.

2017 Use of Force

The Chief reported on the 2017 Use of Force deployment. A Use of Force report must be completed when an officer uses a Use of Force option in the course of their duties including when a firearm is drawn in the presence of a member of the public, pointed at a person, discharged, or when any other weapon is used by a police officer. A report is also required when a conducted energy weapon is unholstered, displayed in the demonstrated force presence mode, pointed or discharged at a person, or when physical force is used causing injury which requires medical attention. The statistics for York Regional Police show a decrease of 4.27 percent in the number of Use of Force reports in 2017. Some of the figures in the report are: 224 calls for police service resulting in a Use of Force report; firearms were pointed at a person 206 times in 2017 compared with 178 times in 2016; 43 percent of Use

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2018 Board Meeting Dates

January 17

February 14

March 21

April 25

May 23

June 27

September 26

November 7

December 5

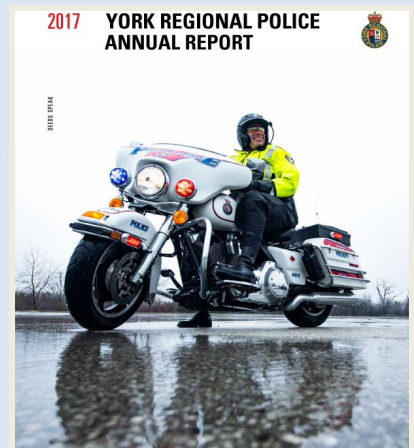
Public Board meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. in Committee Room A York Region Administrative Centre

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of Force incidents occurred on a roadway and 58.3 percent occurred between 6:00pm and 6:00am. The YRP Training and Education Bureau monitors information provided by the Use of Force Review Committee in order to adapt practical skills training where required. This is often conducted through firearms skills, defensive tactics and scenario-based training exercises that emphasize de-escalation and communication. This skills-based training is delivered at the Annual Uniform Requalification Training Program.

York Regional Police Annual Report

The Board received the 2017 York Regional Police Annual Report which profiles the objectives, performance indicators and results achieved by the York Regional Police. The report includes a summary of high-profile investigations, information on community engagement and crime prevention programs, crime statistical information, data on the collection of identifying information, organization and individual awards and the 2017 Business Plan accomplishments. The 2017 Annual Report is available on the Board's website.

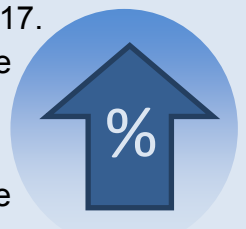


Civic Leadership Award Recipients

The Board announced the recipients of its 2017 Award for Civic Leadership. Ms Nancy Coldham, Mr. Ranji Singh and Mr. Mario Cortellucci are recipients of the 2017 Award for Civic Leadership for their commitment to positive social change and community well-being. The Board created this award in 2006 to recognize the highest level of excellence in civic duty. Recipients of this award are stellar leaders in their fields who enhance community safety and have demonstrated excellence in civic leadership.

2017 Crime Statistics in York Region

The overall crime rate in York Region increased by 3.9 percent in 2017. The property crime rate increased by 2.5 percent and violent crime rate went up by 6.7 percent. Robbery violations increased by 27.2 percent, and the rate of sexual violations increased by 7.2 percent in 2017 with 52 more reported cases than in the previous year. Reported hate crimes occurrences increased by 59.3 percent in 2017 with 51 more incidents. 9-1-1 calls also increased by 3.6 percent in 2017. Although we have seen increases in crime in the last few years, York Region still remains one of the safest communities in Canada. For a full copy of the report including crime rates by municipality, please visit the Board's website.



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