

25th ANNIVERSARY

POLICE APPRECIATION NIGHT 2017

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017



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Reception

Piping in of the Head Table

National Anthem/Royal Anthem

Christopher Dallo

Master of Ceremonies

Kevin Frankish

Grace

Monsignor John Weber

Toasts

Pasta Course

Essay Presentation by Chief for a Day

Bianca Basso

Awards Presentation

Musical Performance

Christopher Dallo

Entrée & Dessert

Performances

York Regional Police Pipes and Drums Band

York Regional Police Youth Band

Highland Dancers

Remarks

Eric Jolliffe, Chief of Police

Awards Presentation

Closing Remarks

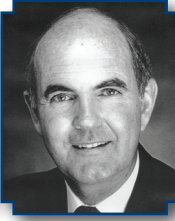
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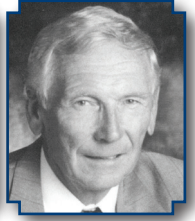
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Past Police Appreciation Nights



Past Police Appreciation Nights



Greetings from the Co-chairs and Chief of Police

On behalf of the organizing committee and all the men and women of York Regional Police, we are pleased to welcome you to the 25th Annual Police Appreciation Night. Tonight we are celebrating investigative excellence, community builders, innovative communication and successful outreach to our diverse communities.

We are also proud to commemorate the 25th year of this event, which brings together members of our police service and the community to honour the outstanding accomplishments of the past year.

Twenty-five years ago, five businessmen approached the then-Chief with the idea of an annual fundraising event, which would also showcase York Regional Police. When it first began, it was attended by fewer than 400 guests. But for the past 24 years, the event consistently sells out, with more than 1,000 people in attendance each year.

Since its inception, the event has raised more than \$2.5 million to help fund police programs and equipment, including the police helicopter Air2, a marine vessel, the York Regional Police Memorial Wall, police service dogs and youth summer camps at the Community Safety Village.

We offer our sincere thanks to you—members of our community, our local businesses; community organizations and members of municipal and regional councils—for your ongoing support of this event and York Regional Police.

Enjoy the evening.



*Eric Tappenden,
Co-chair*

*Chief
Eric Jolliffe*

*Derek Sifton,
Co-chair*



Head Table Guests

Derek Sifton, Co-chair

Eric Tappenden, Co-chair

Susanne Tappenden

Eric Jolliffe, Chief of Police

Susan Jolliffe

Thomas Carrique, Deputy Chief of Police

Julie Carrique

André Crawford, Deputy Chief of Police

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Bianca Basso

Bianca Basso is a busy 11-year-old with a wide array of interests.

Math is her favourite subject and she enjoys learning something new every day. She loves curling up in a cozy spot and reading. Bianca's favourite types of books are fairy-tale/fantasy and action-adventures like the Harry Potter and Land of Stories series.

She loves swimming and is currently in the Lifesaving Society's Star Patrol.

When she grows up, she wants to be a lawyer, specializing in human rights.

Chief for a Day

York Regional Police was proud to announce that Grade 5 student Bianca Basso, from St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School, as the winner of the annual Chief-for-a-Day Contest.

Bianca delivered her winning essay before a panel of judges on March 9. The topic for this year's essay contest was: *How has policing in York Region changed with the advancement of technology and equipment over the last 25 years and what might it look like in the future?*

Bianca detailed the changes in technology police officers have seen over the last two decades and the advancements they now enjoy to keep the community safe, including predictive analysis software, unmanned aerial devices and in-car cameras.

On May 4, Bianca was sworn in as Chief, taking the helm from Chief Eric Jolliffe and assumed command of more than 2,200 sworn officers and civilians.

The Chief-for-a-Day Contest is sponsored by the York Regional Police Appreciation Night organizing committee, the Richmond Hill and Markham Chinese Business Association and Shanahan Ford of Newmarket.

Herbert H. Carnegie Award

In 2016, when a young man in our community was lured into a life of extremism, Detective Constable Maryam Alikhani spent untold hours into guiding him back to a stable, fulfilling path.

Over the course of the year, the man went from the brink of self-destruction, being identified as a high-risk traveller, to allying himself with York Regional Police in hopes that others could be saved from a path of extremism.

Detective Constable Alikhani's work in the Hate Crime Unit has helped to establish a foundation of trust and inclusion between police and leaders in our diverse communities.

The hate crime investigator has established strong ties with members of the Muslim faith. She played an integral part in organizing an event at headquarters on November 10, 2015, that opened up lines of communication and brought the police service closer to its Muslim community.

Her work is part of a proactive approach to community policing, allowing her to form bonds with our citizens that can prove invaluable during investigations.



Detective Constable Maryam Alikhani

Detective Constable Alikhani joined the Hate Crime Unit in September 2014, after previous assignments in Uniform Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Community Oriented Response and Community Services.

The 15-year veteran brings a wealth of personal and professional knowledge to her position, serving as both an investigator and also an important point of contact for her community as a hate crime prevention and intervention officer.

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Leo McArthur Recognition Award

Their work is not measured in arrests, search warrants or cleared cases. Instead, members of the Corporate Communications Bureau are tasked with keeping our residents connected with YRP and aware of important crime prevention and law enforcement initiatives.

In 2016, this highly-creative team developed captivating social media campaigns, such as #ReservationsNotRequired and #ImTHATPerson, to raise awareness about the dangers of impaired driving. They reached more than five million social media users, received extensive media coverage and earned awards from the Ministry of Transportation and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police.

The team also produces award-winning annual reports, to educate our community about our organizational goals and successful initiatives and the video series Behind the Badge, giving citizens an inside look at the specialty units and activities of our police officers. Media releases and social media posts issued by the Media Relations Officers help solve crime, identify suspects and locate missing people.

YRP is committed to keeping our community engaged through strategic and professional communications.



Excellence in Policing

The Vaultor Bandit

The Vaultor Bandit was Canada's most notorious bank robber, responsible for 21 bank heists across the country between 2010 and 2015.

Thanks to the exceptional work of members of the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit, The Vaultor Bandit was captured in Geneva, Switzerland and returned to Canada to face charges in February 2016.

His spree began in February 2010, when he robbed two Markham banks on back-to-back days. Over the next seven months, the suspect would rob another eight banks across the Greater Toronto Area.

He earned the nickname 'The Vaultor Bandit' because of his modus operandi—vaulting over the counter to demand money from the tellers at gunpoint. He also earned the attention of the Canadian Bankers' Association, which offered a \$10,000 reward for information that led to his arrest.

Five years and 11 bank robberies later, that reward grew to \$100,000 in 2015. Finally investigators got a break. A fingerprint was pulled from a heist in Mississauga and the suspect was identified and tracked to Europe. On the strength of an Interpol Red Notice, he was arrested and extradited back to York Region, where he is currently before the courts.

Inspector
Michael Fleischaker

Detective
Doug Cole

Detective
Dave Noseworthy

Detective Constable
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Detective Constable
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Excellence in Policing

Project Cyclone

In 2015, the so-called ‘King of Car Thieves’ made the biggest mistake of his lengthy criminal career—he moved his car-theft operations to the City of Vaughan.

That’s where investigators in the York Regional Police Auto/Cargo Theft Unit picked up his trail following several warm-up thefts in the area. On March 2016, they arrested two suspects, as they attempted to ride off in two luxury cars after they were left warming up in a driveway.

Officers discovered the thefts were being committed by a sophisticated organized crime ring. By the end of 2016, officers had recovered 78 stolen vehicles, worth more than \$4 million in total. The haul included expensive supercars like a Lamborghini Huracan, Mercedes-Benz S63 AMG and an Audi R8.

During the investigation, officers also seized cocaine and heroin that the group was trafficking. Two guns were seized, as well as more than \$200,000 in cash— including \$20,000 buried in a backyard. They also recovered \$1.4 million dollars of stolen merchandise in a warehouse, including liquor, e-cigarettes and car parts.

The hard work of these investigators resulted in 37 arrests and more than 600 charges laid.



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Back in Black

At first, it appeared to be a street-level property crime. A woman, walking to her car at a Richmond Hill mall parking lot on July 19, 2014, is accosted by a knife-wielding man, who steals a piece of identification and her keys before she fends him off.

But four days later, the man was spotted at her apartment building. The woman's son noticed her distinctive set of keys in his hand, called police and the suspect was arrested.

Less than six months later, another woman was followed home from the same Richmond Hill mall by a man who tried to force his way into her apartment. Members of #2 District recognized similarities between the two crimes and asked the victim to identify the suspect in a photo lineup.

She identified the man who had committed the July robbery. Police were able to arrest the suspect for a second time on February 12, 2015.

Since then, officers have worked tirelessly to link the suspect to several other violent crimes across the Greater Toronto Area. Not only have they solved existing cases, but their work has prevented others from being victimized.

Detective
Mike Godber

Detective
Dave Sedgewick

Detective Constable
Deborah Gladding

Detective Constable
Stephanie Hammond

Detective Constable
Kevin Kinsman

Detective Constable
Jamie-Lee Kolarsky

Detective Constable
Shawna Leitch

Detective Constable
Matt McLean

Detective Constable
Brian Renwick

Detective Constable
Rosa Sposato

Computer
Forensic Examiner
Richard Wu



Detective Constable Melanie Moffatt

Detective Constable Moffatt joined York Regional Police in 1990 after a successful competitive figure skating career, in which she represented Canada at the 1988 Olympic Winter Games. She spent nine years working in #5 District before leaving policing in 1999 to care for her family.

Detective Constable Moffatt returned in 2002 as a civilian member. She has since rejoined the sworn ranks, working as a Crime Prevention Officer in #1 District and in the #3 District Criminal Investigations Bureau before taking up her current role in Major Case Management.

Rob Plunkett Outstanding Service to the Community Award

Detective Constable Melanie Moffatt spent years actively participating and contributing to events in support of Special Olympics Ontario.

But it was in 2015, when she took over as Chair of the *Rob Plunkett Torch Run*, that she made her greatest impact in support of the charity organization. Detective Constable Moffatt changed the event, turning the torch relay into a timed *Race for Plunkett*. She opened it up to members of the community and Special Olympics athletes, who commenced the race by carrying the Flame of Hope to the start line. In the two years since taking over the reigns, the event has raised an outstanding \$60,000.

Detective Constable Moffatt is also an integral contributor to many events in honour of fallen officers, including the National Peace Officers' Memorial Run and the Candlelight Vigil. She knew Detective Constable Plunkett and honours him not only in memoriam, but also indirectly through the passion she displays for Special Olympics—a passion that could only be rivalled by Detective Constable Plunkett himself.

Past Chiefs for a Day



Performers

Christopher Dallo



Canadian tenor Christopher Dallo has shared the stage with numerous artists, including Josh Groban, Jullly Black, Ed Robertson (Barenaked Ladies), Jim Cuddy (Blue Rodeo) and Randy Bachman. The 24-year-old singer has also performed for the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, Lieutenant Governor and many foreign dignitaries.

Pipes and Drums & Highland Dancers



The York Regional Pipes & Drums Band and Highland Dancers have a long history of community engagement. Currently consisting of 39 pipers, drummers, dancers, vocalist and guitarist, the groups perform at various cultural events, parades and official police functions each year and have dedicated themselves to improving musically. They are capable of captivating audiences in the tens or in the thousands. The Pipes & Drums and Highland Dancers proudly represent York Regional Police.

Youth Band



Since their first performance in November 2009, the York Regional Police Youth Band has been in demand. And the complement of 36 highly-talented students is up to the task, performing at many high-profile events, including the Royal Order of the Jesterettes at the Royal York Hotel and most recently at the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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We are proud to support the 25th Police Appreciation Night and York Regional Police for their outstanding service and dedication to our community.

Together we can make a difference.

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Thank you for making this annual
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We're looking forward to seeing you next year.

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