



# POLICE APPRECIATION NIGHT



45 YEARS OF POLICING EXCELLENCE

May 18, 2016

Welcome  
to  
POLICE APPRECIATION NIGHT  
2016





**Reception**

**Piping in of the Head Table**

**National Anthem/Royal Anthem**

Nicole Jaskot  
Emily Carr Secondary School

**Master of Ceremonies**

Ron Hewat

**Grace**

The Right Reverend Peter Fenty

**Toasts**

**Pasta Course**

**Tribute/Remarks**

Eric Jolliffe, Chief of Police

**Musical Performance**

**Entrée & Dessert**

**Performance**

York Regional Police Pipe and Drum Band

**Awards Presentation**

**Essay Presentation by Chief for a Day**

Alesandra Di Giovanni

**Awards Presentation**

**Closing Remarks**





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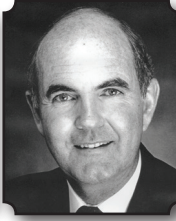
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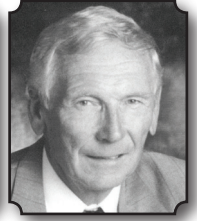
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Moffat Dunlap



Leo McArthur



Ken Sinclair

Organizing Committee



Desiree Amato



Lina Bigioni



David Blackwell



Charles Burns



Michael Burns



Deputy Chief Thomas Carrique



Scott Cole



Deputy Chief André Crawford



John Dunlap



Drew Gerrard





## Patrons



Honorary Chief  
Henry N.R. Jackman

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## Organizing Committee



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LaRosa



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Martin



J. Philip  
Parappally



Patricia  
Preston



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Rogers



Derek Sifton  
Co-chair



Kelly  
Sinclair



Scott  
Smith



Eric  
Tappenden  
Co-chair



Daisy  
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## 45 Years of Policing Excellence

### Honouring our Members

The Police Appreciation Night organizing committee, sponsors and patrons would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the members of York Regional Police. We thank you for your dedication and commitment to keeping our communities safe.



### History

Twenty-three years ago, five local businessmen approached the then-Chief with the idea of an annual fundraising event which would also showcase York Regional Police. This event is now known as Police Appreciation Night and it has raised more than \$2.4 million for police programs and equipment.



### Mission

The mission of the Police Appreciation Night organizing committee is to support the mandate of York Regional Police by organizing and conducting an event to encourage public support of police and raise money to fund police programs and equipment.



## Greetings from the Co-chairs and Chief of Police

Good evening and welcome to the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Police Appreciation Night. On behalf of the organizing committee, and all the men and women of York Regional Police, thank you for joining us to celebrate savvy investigators, community bridge builders and leaders for equity and inclusion.

This year York Regional Police celebrates 45 years of Excellence in Policing. In 1971, 14 municipal police services and the York County Security Police amalgamated to form York Regional Police. The service currently employs more than 600 civilian staff and 1,600 sworn officers who protect the more than 1.1 million residents of York Region each day.

During the past 45 years, we have seen many changes including the fact female police officers no longer wear skirts or carry purses; that we now have the equipment and technology to patrol our region from land, waterways and sky; and our members reflect the community we serve with the ability to communicate in 47 different languages.

Sadly, tonight we are missing one of our committee's founding members, and a true friend to York Regional Police, Leo McArthur. Leo, President and CEO of The Miller Group, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family January 11, 2016 after a difficult illness. His loss is keenly felt.

We appreciate the ongoing support of our community and business sponsors and all attendees here tonight. We wish everyone a wonderful evening.

*Eric Tappenden,  
Co-chair*

*Chief  
Eric Jolliffe*

*Derek Sifton,  
Co-chair*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Tappenden'.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Sifton'.







## 45 Years of Policing Excellence



### 45 Years of Policing Excellence at York Regional Police

York Regional Police has a long and proud history. On January 1, 1971, 14 municipal police services and the York County Security Police were amalgamated to form one regional police service that we know as York Regional Police.

Today, more than 1,600 sworn officers and 600 civilian staff serve close to 1.2 million residents in nine municipalities across York Region.

#### *Fun facts:*

The first budget tabled for the Board of Police Commissioners totalled \$3.5 million, compared to \$295 million in 2016.

The newly-amalgamated York Regional Police selected the Dodge Polaris as its vehicle of choice for patrol cars at a cost of \$83,238.75 for 31 cruisers. The Chief at the time suggested that the cars be painted chrome yellow, which was the policing standard at the time. He also felt that the brightly-colored cruisers would "give the speeders a sporting chance."

Including civilian staff, 33 per cent of members are women.

Over the years, we have been supported by more than 550 dedicated volunteers.

A Trudeau is Prime Minister today, as was the case in 1971.



**Head Table Guests**

Derek Sifton, Co-chair

Eric Tappenden, Co-chair

Eric Jolliffe, Chief of Police

Susan Jolliffe

Thomas Carrique, Deputy Chief of Police

Julie Carrique

André Crawford, Deputy Chief of Police

Janet Crawford

The Honourable Henry N.R. Jackman

Ron Hewat, Master of Ceremonies

The Right Reverend Peter Fenty

Wayne Emmerson, Chairman and CEO, Regional Municipality of York

Debra Emmerson

Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Chair of the York Regional Police Services Board

Nancy Scarpitti

Fulvia Cantarutti, District Vice President for GTA North, Scotiabank

Eiji Doi, District Vice President for GTA East, Scotiabank

**York Regional Police Services Board**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Chair

Mayor Virginia Hackson, Vice-chair

Wayne Emmerson, Chairman and CEO, Regional Municipality of York

John Molyneaux

Bang-Gu Jiang

Bradley Rogers

Khalid Usman

**York Regional Police Senior Officers' Association**

Superintendent Graham Beverly, President

**York Regional Police Association**

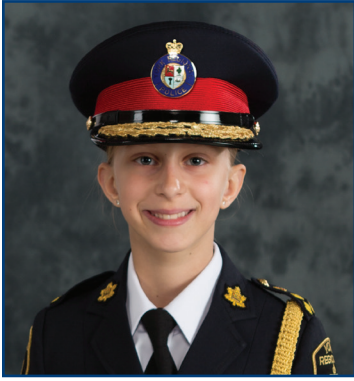
Todd Sepkowski, President

**York Regional Police Retirees' Association**

John Miskiwi, President



## Chief for a Day



### Alesandra Di Giovanni

Alesandra Di Giovanni is a voracious reader and a huge fan of the Harry Potter books. She also enjoys writing stories, so it's no surprise English is her favourite subject. The Grade 5 student at Nobleton Public School wants to be an orthodontist when she grows up because it's important to have a healthy smile. She likes movies and music, including One Direction and Taylor Swift. Her dream destinations include Rome and Florence to see the historical sites and art museums. She also enjoys spending time with family and baking with her mom.

York Regional Police was proud to announce that Grade 5 student Alesandra Di Giovanni, from Nobleton Public School, is the winner of the annual Chief-for-a-Day Contest.

Alesandra delivered her winning essay before a panel of judges on March 9, 2016. In her essay *How Can York Regional Police Help Kids be Safe when Using Social Media?*, she outlines several innovative suggestions on how York Regional Police can better connect with teens and children on the safe use of social media.

Alesandra's swearing-in ceremony took place in Chief Eric Jolliffe's office on May 5 as she assumed command of more than 2,200 sworn officers and civilians.

Donning her specially-made Chief of Police uniform, she ensured staff was up to snuff while touring the Marine, Emergency Response, Air2 and Canine Units as well as stopping into Corporate Communications to see the York Regional Police social media team at work.

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





## Herbert H. Carnegie Award

Detective Constable Grayson Shillingford is an excellent ambassador for York Regional Police, with an innate ability to connect with people from a variety of communities and circumstances. Immigrating to Canada from Dominica at age four, he learned to find the positive in life at an early age, excelling in academics and athletics.

A former professional football player, Detective Constable Shillingford provides guidance and leadership through his volunteer coaching duties at Villanova College in King City. He has also given his time to the YRP YIPI (Youth in Policing Initiative) program and 360°kids, an organization which provides support to at-risk youth.

Detective Constable Shillingford routinely participates in York Regional Police initiatives as well, including Black History Month, Asian Heritage Month and the annual Davis Ahlowalia Charity Basketball Tournament.

He has built strong bridges with youth and community organizations across York Region and is a role model due to his solid work ethic and positive attitude.

Detective Constable Shillingford serves his community with pride and distinction and is a deserving recipient of the Herbert H. Carnegie Award.



### Detective Constable Grayson Shillingford

Detective Constable Grayson Shillingford began his career with York Regional Police in November 2008. He worked in a uniform capacity before joining the #2 District Criminal Investigations Bureau on the Property Crime team. He is currently one of the faces of the York Regional Police recruiting campaign *This is Your Time...* Detective Constable Shillingford is a former NFL and CFL player, having played for the Seattle Seahawks, B.C. Lions, Toronto Argonauts and Ottawa Renegades. He is married with three children, five-year-old twin girls and a son, 1.



## Crime Analyst Cliff Aguiar

Cliff Aguiar is a Criminal Intelligence Analyst with York Regional Police, a part-time Police Foundations instructor at Seneca College and a Chef with PC Cooking schools. Cliff began his career at York Regional Police in 2008 as a District Crime Analyst serving Newmarket, Markham, Vaughan and King and later moved to the Intelligence Bureau, specializing in organized crime and frauds. He was assigned to the Real Time Operations Centre to develop a new Criminal Intelligence Analyst position in 2015 that was subsequently made permanent. Cliff enjoys writing in his spare time and is working on his second novel, hoping to have it published in 2016.

## Leo McArthur Civilian Recognition Award

Crime Analyst Cliff Aguiar has faced his share of intolerance as a member of the LGBTQ community, but he has turned a negative into a huge positive for all members of York Regional Police. With support of senior command, Cliff created the LGBTQ internal support network, one of the largest and most visible committees in the organization.

For years, Cliff has supported members of Pride York, the AIDS Committee of York Region, Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and Serving with Pride, a national organization of law enforcement professionals promoting diversity. Cliff's work led to the first YRP Pride flag-raising at headquarters in 2015. He also organized a day-long training on LGBTQ issues and Zero Discrimination Day.

Cliff's analytic skills in the Real Time Operation Centre also serve YRP well. He is an innovator in using social media in investigations and shares his skills as a member of the faculty at Seneca College.

Cliff has made a dramatic impact on many individuals in our community and a lasting impact at YRP.



## Rob Plunkett Outstanding Service to the Community Award

Inspector Louis Malbeuf has done his best to honour the memory of his good friend and colleague Rob Plunkett since his tragic death in 2007. The two were classmates when they joined York Regional Police in 1985, remained close as they both became members of the Emergency Response Unit and Inspector Malbeuf served as an usher at Rob's wedding.

A high school athlete, Inspector Malbeuf had for years participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run. Following Rob's death, Inspector Malbeuf organized the Rob Plunkett Memorial Softball Tournament, with participants including Special Olympics athletes as well as first responders from across the GTA. Since its inception in 2008, the tourney has raised more than \$150,000 for Special Olympics Ontario. He was also a key organizer for the 2013 Summer Games in York Region.

Inspector Malbeuf also supports the Georgina Association for Community Living, Newmarket's Doane House Hospice, the Barrie War Vets and the Constable Garrett Styles trust fund.

When asked why these causes, Inspector Malbeuf replied: "I try to give money to things Rob would approve of and would like to be associated with."



Inspector Louis Malbeuf

Inspector Louis Malbeuf started with York Regional Police in 1985. During his 31-year career, assignments have included frontline policing, Emergency Response Unit, Criminal Investigations, Intelligence Unit, Hold-Up Unit, Fraud, Auto/Cargo Theft Unit and the Real Time Operations Centre. He is currently in Community Services.

Inspector Malbeuf has a B.A. in psychology from the University of Guelph and also holds the designation of Certified Municipal Manager III.

A gold medalist at the World Police and Fire Games, Inspector Malbeuf is also the recipient of the Police Exemplary Service Award and the prestigious Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.





## Pan Homicide

Inspector  
Larry Wilson

Inspector  
Randy Slade

Detective Sergeant  
Robert Papineau

Detective  
William Courtice

Detective  
Alan Cooke

Detective  
Peter Cheung

Detective  
David MacDonald

Detective  
Marco Napoleoni

Detective  
Kevin McCloskey

Detective  
Robert Milligan

Detective  
William Goetz

Detective  
Gregory McGuire

Detective  
Karen McDowall

Detective  
Patrick Smyth

Detective Constable  
Bernadette Cwenaar

Detective Constable  
Bruce Downey

Crime Analyst  
Jenna Ruscoe

It was just past 10 p.m. on November 8, 2010, when three armed men stormed into a suburban Markham home owned by Han Pan and his wife Bich. Their daughter, Jennifer, 24, called 9-1-1.

Jennifer told police Han was violently dragged from his bed to the basement. She said the assailants had tied her to the stair railing upstairs with a shoelace, while her mother, Bich, was also being held at gunpoint in the basement.

At 10:32 p.m., York Regional Police received a 9-1-1 call from a hysterical Jennifer Pan.

Investigators found Bich had been murdered. Han survived two gunshots and a bullet lodged in his orbital bone. Jennifer was uninjured.

For three days, York homicide investigators worked to determine why the Pans were the target of a deadly home invasion, while Han remained in an induced coma. When he awoke, his story had striking differences to the one his daughter told.

As part of the probe, officers obtained more than 100 production orders from wireless phone companies and pored over 1,000,000 text messages and phone calls, eventually exposing a conspiracy to commit murder between Jennifer and her boyfriend.

The strong teamwork of several York Regional Police units and the competence of our members, who used innovative investigative and interviewing techniques, led to four First Degree Murder convictions and a fifth conviction for Conspiracy to Commit Murder.



## Project Hydra

Detective  
Mark Van Wolde

Detective Constable  
Richard Gaudet

Detective Constable  
Bradley Gallant

Detective Constable  
James Morton

Detective Constable  
Melanie Bennett

A child pornography investigation that began with a single search warrant in York Region continues to put away dangerous predators nearly two years later.

The joint-forces operation began after York Regional Police were notified by the National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre that images of child exploitation were being uploaded from an IP address in York Region.

Officers soon learned that person was a victim, who was coerced into taking self-exploitive pictures and posting them on the Internet.

Those images found their way to the Internet's ugliest corners across the globe – chatrooms and social networks where child predators used cloud-based storage to upload and exchange exploitive images.

Investigators named the project Hydra, after the multi-headed serpent in Greek mythology. According to myth, each time one of Hydra's heads was cut off, a new one would regenerate.

So far, the investigation has led to 57 arrests, 433 charges and the identification of 57 victims who have been rescued. Officers are continuing to identify and rescue victims, who range in age between infants and teenagers. There could be up to 2,000.

Investigators also spent months gathering evidence to put together 350 investigative packages they sent to other police agencies for follow up. Those packages continue to lead to arrests within Canada and worldwide.



## Project Ice Castle

Detective Sergeant  
Peter Casey

Detective  
Thomas Thompson

Detective  
Peter Fleming

Detective  
Douglas Bedford

Detective  
Miguel Torres

Detective  
Douglas Cole

Detective  
Gregory Pelham

Detective Constable  
Trevor Byard

Detective Constable  
Jeff Mc Kercher

Detective Constable  
Eric Tam

Detective Constable  
Christos Marcos

Detective Constable  
Johnny Campuzano

Detective Constable  
Aaron Ladouceur

Detective Constable  
Brandon Kubels

Detective Constable  
Fernando Su

Detective Constable  
Davis Waterfield

Crime Analyst  
Ellen Shropshire

It was hidden in plain view. A clandestine drug lab tucked away in a wealthy Markham neighbourhood became the site of the largest ketamine bust in Canadian history. Ketamine is a dissociative anesthetic sometimes used as a date-rape drug.

Members of the Drugs and Vice Unit Grow Team launched a joint-forces operation dubbed Project Ice Castle, after surveillance began at a residence on Castle Court in November 2014.

After watching suspects purchase industrial equipment and discarding laboratory waste, it became clear that they were part of an organized group manufacturing, producing and distributing ketamine. Soon, members of the Synthetic Drug Team joined the investigation.

Covertly, officers entered properties, including storage facilities, where suspects were storing dangerous chemicals used in the production of ketamine. Once they had the evidence they needed, they enlisted the help of surrounding police agencies.

On April 23, 2015, more than 150 officers from York Regional Police, the Toronto Police Service, the Durham Regional Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police executed 10 search warrants across Toronto and York Region.

Clandestine lab teams seized nearly 80 kilograms of ketamine, with a street value of \$2.5 million, 4,500 litres of liquid chemicals, 3,900 kilograms of solid chemicals and \$407,000 in cash.

Nine people face more than 30 charges.



## Community Thanks

*Dear Chief Jolliffe,*

I would like to bring to your attention the exemplary and professional conduct of Detective Martin Rodrigues and Constable Andrew Simmonds. I am most grateful for their kind words, understanding and counsel during the most difficult time of my life: The tragic loss of my eldest son.

My wife and I were completely broken by the news of our son's passing; we were lost in despair. It was only after speaking to Detective Rodrigues and Constable Simmonds that we were able to gain strength and courage to continue despite being overwhelmed by the loss of our son. Both officers were not only incredibly supportive and tactful but also genuinely concerned for our welfare. They were generous with their time and carefully addressed all our concerns in a manner that greatly eased our pain.

My wife and I were deeply touched by both officers' compassion and empathy. I feel that officers of such strong moral character and integrity should be commended. It is doubtless that Detective Rodrigues and Constable Simmonds, and other officers like them, can make a huge difference to the communities they serve. My family and I are honoured to have them as a part of our community and will forever be grateful to them and your police service.

*Yours truly, A local father*

*Subject: Day brightened by speeding ticket. Seriously.*

Earlier this evening I received a speeding ticket from Constable Sean Briard and it was an excellent experience. I was not having the greatest day, dealing with a hectic work day, broken laundry machine, etc. But after receiving the ticket from Constable Briard, I was left with greater confidence in York Regional Police and optimism for policing in general.

Constable Briard should be commended. I feel so strongly about this that I've taken the time to write you at 10:30 p.m., well past my bedtime. And this is no small feat.

*Thanks in advance, a satisfied speeder*





## 45 Years of Policing Excellence



### Performer

Nicole Jaskot

Nicole Jaskot is in Grade 11 at Emily Carr Secondary School and completed two years as a vocal performance student in the Arts Unionville Program at Unionville High School. Nicole has performed as a soloist at numerous events and was a semi-finalist in the Junior and Youth Divisions of the Toronto CNE Rising Star Competition and a top 10 finalist at Hidden Talent Canada in 2015.



### Pipe and Drum Band

The York Regional Police Pipe and Drum Band has represented the police service globally for the past 25 years. Proudly sporting the Sir John A. MacDonald tartan in memory of Canada's first prime minister, the band fields both a parade and concert band, as well as a Grade Four competition band under the Pipers and Pipe Band Society of Ontario. Members of the York Regional Pipe and Drum Band support various cultural events, parades, fundraisers and official police functions each year.



### Ceremonial Unit

The York Regional Police Ceremonial Unit is comprised of select officers who represent York Regional Police and the greater policing community at more than 50 ceremonial events each year across Canada and the United States. Historically, the carrying of Colours or Standards acted as a rallying point for troops and to mark the location of regimental commanders on the battlefield.



## 2014 Police Appreciation Night Funded Initiatives



Memorial Recognition Markers



Marine Vessel



All-Terrain Vehicles and Trailer



Radar Recorder Units



Bear Care Child Victims Program



Leo McArthur Leadership Camp

Join us for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
Police Appreciation Night  
May 17, 2017.

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



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