



York Regional Police

Guns, Gangs and Violence Reduction

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“Deeds Speak”



Executive Summary

There has been a marked increase in gun and gang violence across the Greater Toronto Area. Gang-related activity transcends regional borders.

York Regional Police (YRP) recognizes the devastating impact guns and gangs have on the communities we serve locally, provincially and nationally. YRP is combatting this type of violent crime through our Guns, Gangs and Violence Reduction Strategy.

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Guns, Gangs and Violence Reduction Strategy

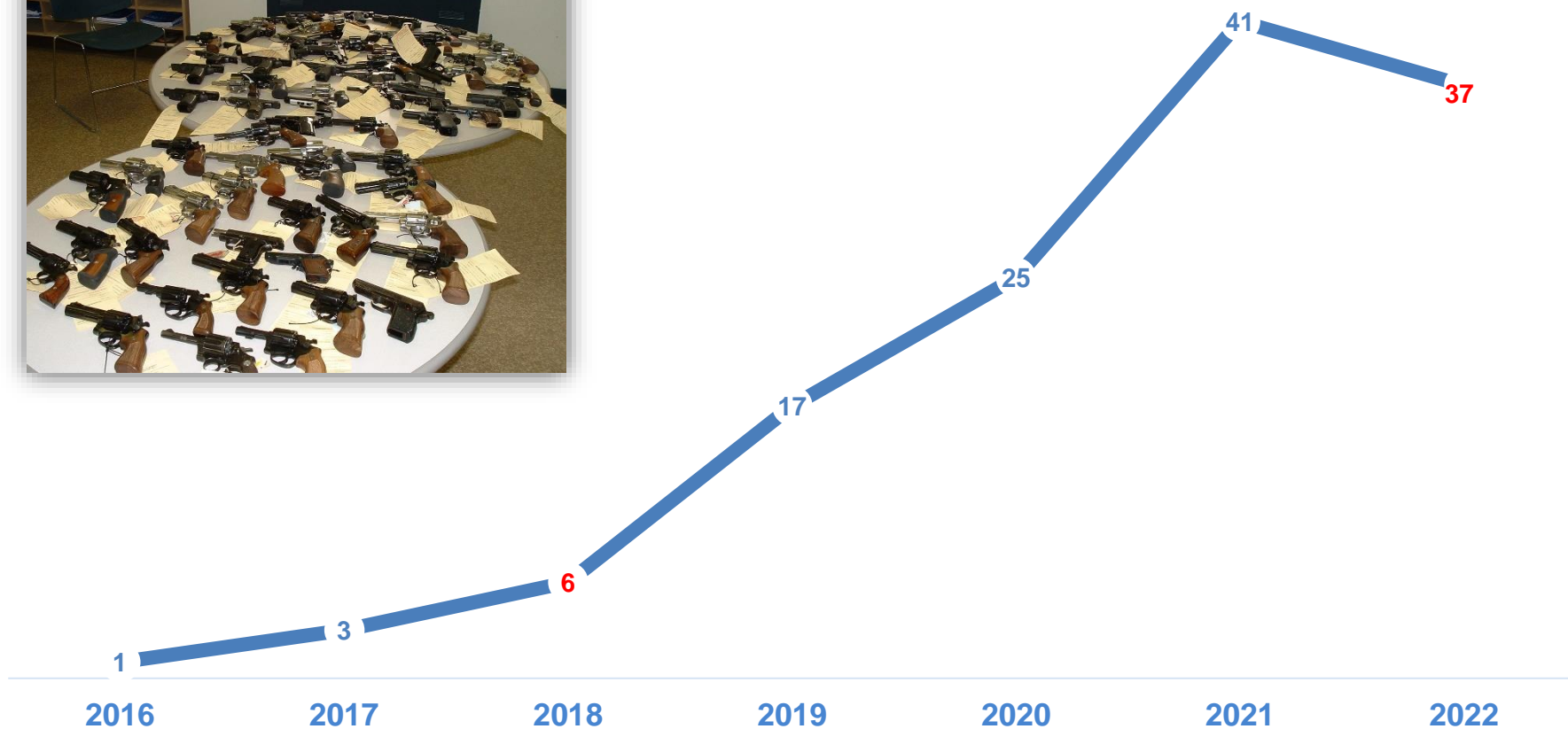
Four Pillars

- Intelligence
- Suppression
- Enforcement
- Community Mobilization



Front Line Firearm Seizures

Cannabis Act Implemented June 2018





2022 Violent Crime Gun Seizures

- Hold-Up Unit:
 - ❖ 25 crime guns seized
 - 92% traced to USA (23)
 - 8% Unknown (2)
- GGDEU:
 - ❖ 42 crime guns seized
 - 81% traced to USA (34)
 - 19% unknown (8)
- Homicide Unit:
 - ❖ 3 crime guns seized
 - 33% traced to USA (1)
 - 66% unknown (2)
- Front Line
 - ❖ 37 crime guns seized
 - 68% traced to USA (25)
 - 32% unknown (12)





Intelligence

Gangs in York Region

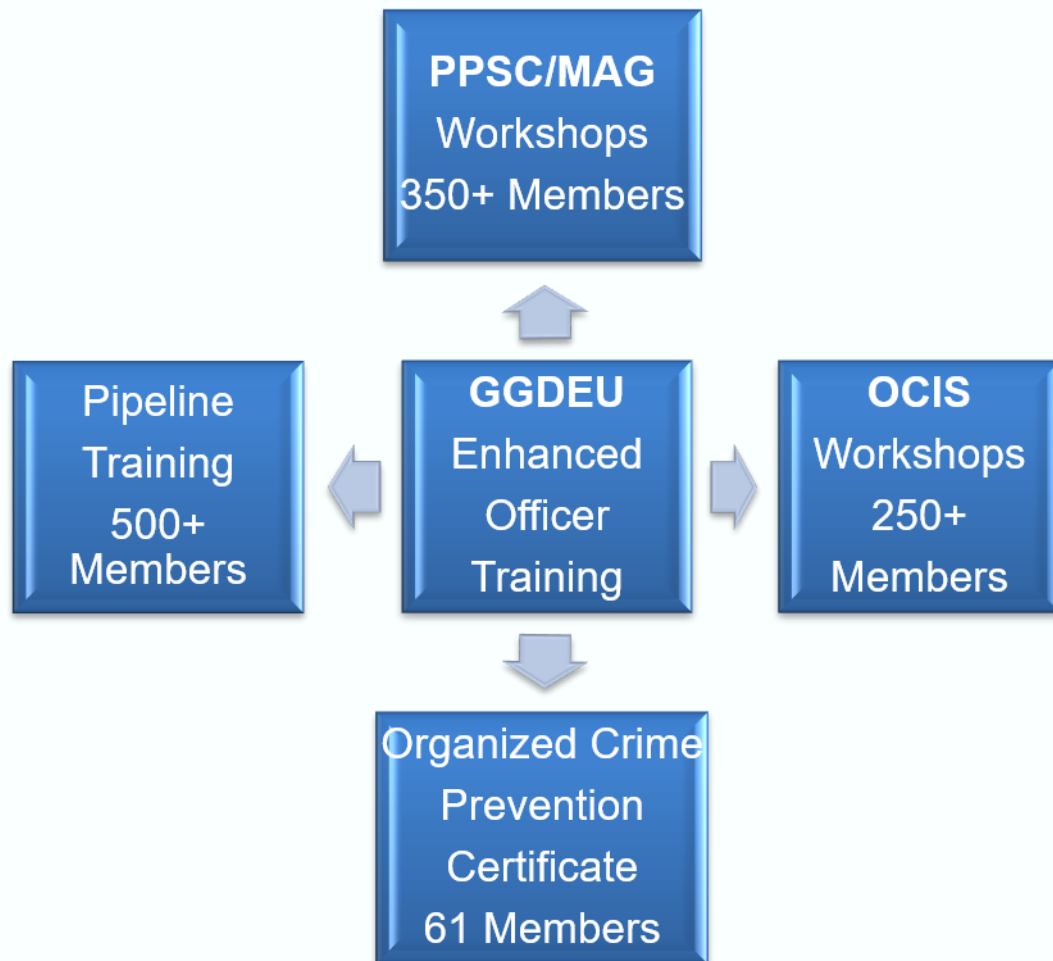


Intelligence gatherings has revealed a migration of Toronto gang members moving into suburban communities such as York Region.

This migration is taking place as gang members begin to accumulate wealth through crime, and possess the means to purchase or rent in suburban communities.



Suppression



- Over the last 2 years, the YRP GGDEU and the Training and Education Bureau, have spear headed a training campaign focused on enhanced officer training as it relates to front line enforcement.



Monarch Video





Enforcement

Project Monarch

- 22 arrests
- Over 400 charges
- 27 handguns seized
- \$1.3 million in illegal drugs seized
- Over \$160,000 in cash seized





Project Monarch – Border Integrity





Bill C-21

- Limiting firearms access by people engaged in intimate partner violence or self-harm
- National freeze on buying, selling or transferring handguns
- Anti-gun smuggling measures
- New firearms-related offences, penalties and wiretapping

YRP supports any measures taken to enhance community safety. However...





Community Mobilization Project Oracle

At-risk youth received educational programming in the following areas:

- Human Trafficking Prevention
- Gang Prevention
- How to seek employment
- Resume writing
- Building Healthy Relationships
- Mental Wellness
- Meditation
- Pre-employment training

The 32 youth that successfully completed the program received a laptop, a backpack and a Presto gift card to help them continue their positive growth. Some of the youth decided to participate in other programming offered by 360 Kids and ANS such as paid employment training, tutoring and financial literacy programs.





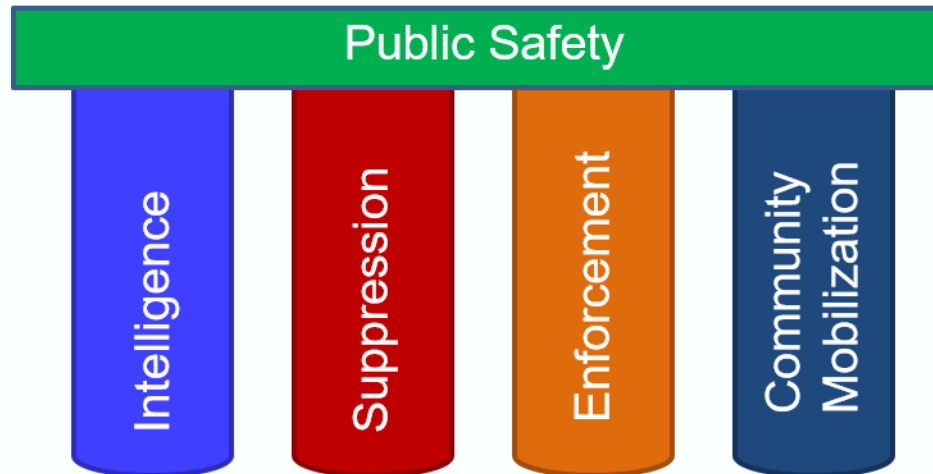
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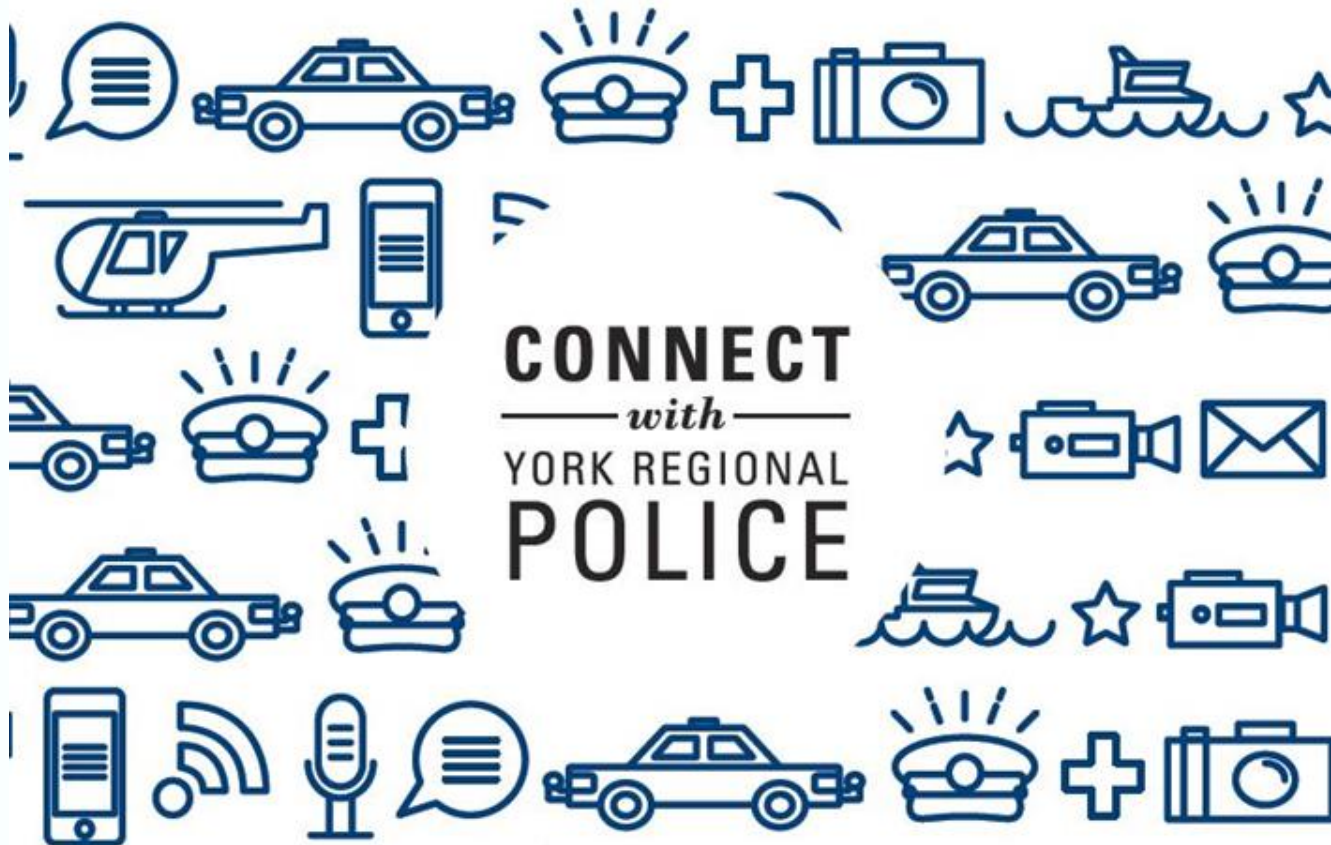
Summary

York Regional Police is committed to enhance public safety and will continue to implement the Guns, Gangs and Violence Reduction Strategy through our 4 Pillars.





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