

Greetings to all from York Regional Police,

My name is Brian Hinds and I'm the crime prevention officer assigned to the Markham area of York Region.

This email is being sent to advise your organization or group about our community and police partnership, aimed at assisting in our battle against crime.

Crimes against People and property affects not only our community but all communities nationally and internationally. While we cannot prevent people from choosing to become involved in various types of criminal activities. We know that only through a collaborative effort and partnership between both the community and the police. Can we hope to deter and (or) capture those who attempt to profit at the expense of others.

The police have traditionally relied on door to door canvassing to locate camera footage that may have captured important footage to assist in solving crimes. This process is time consuming, it requires the use of several officers (who must be taken away from other duties) and it can only be done during certain hours (preferably not at night). Officers often have to return to the same residence multiple times to find someone at home.

To combat these issues, York Regional Police has enacted the “**Camera Registry Program**”. This program can be easily accessed on our Website yrp.ca/RegisterMyCam.

This program is basically asking you to let York Regional Police know that you have external cameras on a property located within the Regional Municipality of York. You're requested to provide your contact information so that if something happened in the vicinity of your property; the police would contact you and request that you check your camera footage. Should you observe something suspicious or a criminal type act taking place, you would then inform the police about it. The police would then dispatch an officer to attend your location and get a copy of that footage.

The police will **not** have access to your cameras. They will only request assistance from you, they will **not** have control over your cameras in any way.

The goal of this program is to reduce the time delay that often takes place in getting access to crucial information that could help to solve criminal cases.

At any time those who have registered with this program, are free to remove themselves from the program. This is simply done by going back onto the website yrp.ca/RegisterMyCam and cancelling your registration.

The York Regional Police will be making a concentrated effort to promote this program and to get as many businesses and residential homes to become a part of this positive community focused program.

We are looking to partner with businesses and community groups in an effort to push this program forward and register as many people as possible. We are willing to come out and speak to your organizations or man a table at your functions as a way of promoting this “**Camera Registry Program**”.

For more information please contact the writer at the information listed below.

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