

TRAUMATIC INCIDENT RESPONSE PROTOCOL (TIRP) PILOT PROGRAM KEY ACTIONS FACT SHEET



HOW IT WORKS

The TIRP initiative facilitates increased community mobilization to help residents feel safe following a traumatic event in the local community, and to improve community resiliency and wellbeing.

The Protocol:

- Supports traumatic incident intervention in the short term by identifying and mobilizing local municipalities and community partners to carry out actions such as coordinated community information-sharing debriefs following a traumatic incident; and
- Prevents traumatic incidents from re-occurring in the long term by establishing safety audits and community safety monitoring programs, and surfacing systemic policy issues to address

Traumatic incident response teams consisting of various community partners (such as York Region, York Regional Police, school boards, faith-based organizations and mental health service agencies) will carry out the response and mobilize supports where necessary.

The TIRP is activated within 12-72 hours of a traumatic incident occurring.

A traumatic incident may include, but is not limited to, a shooting, stabbing, gun/gang related activity, hate motivated incident, etc.



BENEFITS

- Reduces distress in the community following a traumatic incident
- Increases information sharing between protocol partner agencies to provide a timely and integrated response
- Increases community capacity building
- Improves community resiliency

WHAT IS A TRAUMATIC INCIDENT?

A traumatic incident is defined as any event which has community-level impacts. A community is a group of people that share a bond, such as residing within the same geographical area and/or having a shared culture or identity.

The York Region Traumatic Incident Response Protocol (TIRP) Pilot Program implements preventative and risk intervening actions identified in the Region's Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan, that aim to provide enhanced safety planning and integration and coordination of key strategic partners and local community-based services, when a traumatic incident occurs.

In alignment with the CSWB Plan, the protocol pilot program supports the four identified geographic focus areas within the Regional Municipality of York:

1. Northern Georgina
2. Central Newmarket
3. South-central Markham; and
4. South-central Richmond Hill (including the City of Vaughan)

The program serves all residents, especially children, youth and young adults ages 6-26 years old who are Indigenous, Black, young women, LGBTQ2S+, immigrant and/or refugee youth.