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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REVIEW OF THE 2017 TENTATIVE BUDGET PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE DEPARTMENTS (CONT'D) - SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 DAVID H. KNAPP, CHAIRMAN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Jordan, Mr. May, Mr. Kilmartin, Mrs. Ervin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Shepard, Ms. Williams

ALSO ATTENDING: Chairman McMahon, Mr. Burtis, Dr. Chase, Mr. Ryan and see attached list

Chair Knapp reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION – pg. 4-49: Barrie Gewanter, Executive Director; Amie Wilkinson, Accountant 2, Finance

Ms. Gewanter presented the following:

- Introduced self as Executive Director of Human Rights, Administrator for Justice Center Oversight Committee, and Title VI ADA Coordinator, and colleague Ms. Wilkinson from Financial operations who worked with her on the budget presentation
- 2 page document very brief, will then welcome questions; multifaceted set of organizations within the office – 5 key responsibilities

Key Responsibilities of Human Rights Commission

1. Responding to Public Inquiries About Individual Human and Civil Rights Matters

- Staff receive and screen inquiries by phone, mail, email, and walk in
- Free and confidential calls made to office from Justice Center and Jamesville inmates

2. Support and Guidance for Renewed Human Rights Commission

- 16 out of 24 possible Commissioners have been confirmed & convened
- Full commission meetings to occur once per month
- Collaborative goals and projects to be recommended by Commission sub-committee
- Committee met once, set meeting date for 3rd of 4th day of the month; 1st meeting discussed priorities, using that information to establish projects

3. Support, Administration and Investigation for Justice Center Oversight Committee

- 8 out of 9 possible committee members have been confirmed and convened
- Full committee meetings held on the 1st Wednesday of each month.
- Regular communication and exchange of information with Justice Center command staff
- Each compliant or inquiry screened to see if it meets the jurisdiction for consideration by the committee; originally meet twice a month to get bearings, now met once per month and on top of that each member meets with her once per month to review individual cases
- Stellar communication and cooperation with the Sheriff's department, very pleased

4. Provision of Diversity Training for New County Employees and Selected Human Services Partners

- 1-2 full day trainings provided each month
- Selected trainings include new employees of OCMS/Circare and Access CNY

- 15-25 people at each training, aimed at increasing awareness and capability to work effectively with people from diverse backgrounds, based on national tested model, County providing training since 2007

5. Serve as Coordinator for County's Title VI, ADA and LEP Plan

- Initial training and guidance for Plan Representatives from 28 county departments
- Monitoring initial compliance efforts of each department
- Title VI is section of Civil Rights Act 1964 prohibits discrimination on basis of race, color and national origin, County Executive adopted new Title VI and ADA LEP Plan in April, plan coordinator role provided initial training and guidance in each department; worked with IT for website modifications to ensure public has information on the plan and ready access to language assistance and accommodations for people with disabilities

Operational Highlights Since Last Budget Presentation

A. Received, Screened, Responded to over 500 public inquiries so far in 2016

- Average 56 intakes per month from January to August 2016. Volume of calls increasing since staff began to do public outreach in April, with over 100 inquiries in August.
- Top Three Quarters of Intakes Since January 1, 2016 Involve Seven Complaint Categories: Jail Issues, Employment Discrimination, Landlord/Tenant Issues, Issues Related to Criminal Case, Process, Issues Related to Criminal Attorney, Police Misconduct, Jamesville Correctional Issues

B. Convened Human Rights Commission for 1st Meeting on September 14, 2016

- Initial task is to determine which issues to focus on by forming working committees based on interests and concerns of Commissioners

C. Convened Justice Center Oversight Committee for its 1st Meeting on March 29, 2016

- The Committee has held a total of 7 meetings and 1 sub-committee meeting so far
- In July, the Committee selected Marissa Mims as Chair and Bob Slivinski as Vice Chair.
- Staff screening of incoming communication from the Justice Center resulted in 34 complaints that met the legislative criteria for JCOC consideration. 30 of these are still being reviewed.
- Committee members have identified 36 potential recommendations so far and have developed mechanisms for Committee review of complaint and identification of potential recommendations.
- Working with IT to launch a secure web-based file sharing platform for JCOC and HRC.
- Most members toured and had training at the jail and frank conversations with the Undersheriff and Chief Gonzalez
- 2 cases currently held pending litigation, do nothing else until told she can; committee's role to determine if recommendations should be issued to the Sheriff, Legislature and County Executive; first set of recommendations theoretically to be issued in October; secure filing sharing is an efficiency measure

D. Title VI, ADA and LEP Plan Representatives from 28 County Departments Trained

- Provided 4 compliance training sessions training for all Plan Representatives.
- Plan Representatives tasked with providing compliance training to all departmental staff with public contact responsibilities by the end of Oct, and ensuring that these staff can access phone-based and in-person language assistance services.

E. Office Moved this month from Temporary Location on 13th Floor of Civic Center to More Permanent Location in Basement Suite 19 (across from Vital Statistics).

Notes on 2017 Operating Requests

- Professional Services**
- Sign language Interpreters needed for various meetings
 - Phone and in-person foreign language and sign language interpreters as needed for intake and interviews

- Member of JCOC is deaf , 1st meeting of HRC had request from deaf community member; every county department needs access to phone-based interpreting, wide variety of languages

Travel & Training – Staff travel to professional training and conferences

- Did not attend professional conferences in 2016, trained with NCBI to be diversity trainer as needed; coming year want to attend conferences related to human rights, oversight and ADA roles; only 2 staff in HRC, currently have intern from SU and work cooperatively with intern from another department

All other Expenses – National Coalition Building Institute affiliate fee
 – Key organizational memberships (ex. NACOLE, IAOHRA)
 – Costs related to Diversity Trainings & Community Events

- Provide information and materials on several county human service departments when doing community outreach

Mr. Jordan:

- Questioned Maintenance, Utility and Rents increase

Ms. Gewanter:

- Moved office, no longer have access to copier, scanner, printer – must have lease, also community communicates through cellphone; to reduce costs will share copier with Sheriff command center, scanning essential for information sharing with Sheriff's department

Mr. Burtis:

- Thanked Ms. Gewanter for her presentation and great explanation, very interested in what's going on and appreciates her work; asked what Interdepartmental Charges entailed

Ms. Gewanter:

- Business cards, letterhead, collaboration with IT and other departments – charges are accounted for internally when utilizing the services of another department, i.e. attorney from Law

Mr. Morgan:

- Should have had something budgeted for 2016, charges will hit her budget, i.e. cost for occupied space, support from Law, IT, Financial Operations – that's how those services are billed

Ms. Gewanter:

- Part of accountability internally within the County, what's the value of services provided; part of her role is collaboration with other departments

Mr. May:

- Going forward would be nice to have numbers on annual basis corresponding to the public inquiries received, i.e. top intakes and how many meet criteria

Ms. Gewanter:

- May be able to provide information now

Mr. May:

- Not necessary, budget meeting, not a statistical performance meeting - now that mechanism is in place will be interesting to see how much is qualified and the volume in each category at year end

Chair Knapp:

- Will establish baseline for 1st year, can see things going up and down – good idea

Ms. Gewanter:

- One of the first things she did was create a database allowing her to track and do statistical analysis, provided in last budget presentation but only contained one month, at yearend will provide information; was able to provide generalization on three quarters of their complaints coming from seven complaint categories because she has the analysis of the first 6 months, can't provide what was resolved in what matter yet, but can say the majority of incoming calls are resolved on the same day through referral – not in position to fix people's problems, are in position to listen, help them understand pass of redress and give information about where the pass of redress might be at the local or state level; end of year will be able to represent numerically

Ms. Ervin:

- Thanked Ms. Gewanter for the presentation; receives less calls from those questioning who to go to for these kinds of things, now go directly to Ms. Gewanter

Ms. Gewanter:

- Glad to do the job, thank you for giving it to her

Chair Knapp:

- Asked if things came together as she thought they might

Ms. Gewanter:

- Can't say for the HRC, have the right mix of people in the room, right level of passion and interest, seems they have the right level of people willing to actually do something, but only had one meeting; JCOC has it's sea legs – interesting to see how the committee worked out and how they will review fact heavy cases, created mechanism by which that happens in reliable and accountable way, every person on the committee has a particular area of interest, become primary reviewer for cases within their area of interest and work with Ms. Gewanter to see what's in the case file, present to the committee and suggest recommendations that become part of larger discussion; 8 people reviewing 30 cases and it's working, proof will be when they start issuing recommendations

Chair Knapp:

- Excellent, look forward to it

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – pg. 4-21: Daniel Wears, Commissioner

Mr. Wears presented the following:

2017
BUDGET PRESENTATION

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

JOANNE M. MAHONEY, COUNTY EXECUTIVE
DANIEL H. WEARS, COMMISSIONER

Emergency Management

Partner with stakeholders to promote life safety and preservation of property through a progressive cycle of emergency and disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.

MISSION STATEMENT

- Busy year, staff has done an excellent job working to better prepare the County for a disaster emergency situation; on daily basis 1st responders and governor organizations respond to emergency situations, when situations grow in complexity, duration and level of impact to the community EM becomes involved to assist with coordination management and providing additional resources, at this point it is critical to maintain relationships with partners

Emergency Management Administration

- Emergency Management Plan Development
- Emergency Operations Center
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Citizen Preparedness
- Resource Deployment Coordination
- Disaster Declaration
- Exercise Development and Participation
- Town and Village Coordination



Fire and Emergency Medical Services Bureaus

- Liaison with volunteer, combination and career fire departments and EMS agencies
- Command and control support at emergency incidents
- Fire and EMS Training Coordination
- Code Enforcement
- Fire Investigations and Arson Control Plan
- Hazardous Materials Response Team
- Critical Incident Stress Management



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DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

- Broad reach into community – work with nearly 100 public safety agencies and government organizations at local, county and state levels, also school districts, not-for-profits, and private organizations to provide displayed products and services on a daily basis; primarily for incidents that expand beyond the capacity of a single organization or jurisdiction

2016 – YEAR IN REVIEW

Emergency Management Preparedness and Response Initiatives

- Responded to approximately 200 incidents within the County and provided command and control assistance as well as cause and origin determination for fire emergencies.
- Received StormReady certification from the National Weather Service.
- Participated in the development of an emergency operations plan for the Lakeview Amphitheater.
- Hosted the NYS Emergency Management Certification and Training Program for Local Public Officials, First Responder Leadership and Other Partners (Tier 3.)
- Support partners with special event planning and support, including deployment of the department's mobile command vehicle, other assets and staffing incident command posts.
- Auxiliary Police Unit officers volunteered approximately 600 hours of service to municipal agencies.
- Continued to work with a group of volunteers and the Onondaga Kennel Club to form a NYS certified animal response team.

2016 YEAR IN REVIEW



- Response number includes approximately 125 fire investigations
- StormReady certification recognizes work completed with Emergency Communication to both prepare and respond
- Tier 3 targeted toward chief local elected officials - outlines legal responsibilities and authorities for incidents that expand beyond day-to-day incidents
- Certification for animal response team will provide NYS insurance coverage for team members in both drilling and exercise capacities, as well as response to incidents involving animals

Fire and Emergency Medical Services Bureaus

- New York State Fire Investigation Team of the Year
- Provided qualified fire marshals for county owned venues
- International Fire Service Accreditation Congress
- Provided critical incident stress management services to first responders following unusually difficult situations.
- Organized the delivery of NYS Department of Health-Emergency Medical Services training, which was available to County first responders.
- Coordinated the delivery of CPR to approximately 3,600 citizens.



2016 YEAR IN REVIEW



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- 2 incidents required extensive mutual aid from surrounding counties, over 30 fire departments responded: Kirkville brush fire and Jamesville B&B Lumber fire
- Work with OCC to offer IFSAC to fire investigators – most widely recognized accreditation available, OCC only entity in NYS able to issue certification, much is due to the work of the fire investigation unit
- Provide fire marshals for downtown county-owned facilities, previously provided by SFD; compensated by SMG
- Provide stress management for first responders, \$500,000 increase in Travel and Training provides for continued training of team members, necessary to maintain qualifications needed to provide those services
- 100 county employees trained in CPR

Fire Training

NYS OFPC Hours of Instruction

Fiscal Year is April 1-March 31



**2017 Actual is Estimated



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- County dependants remain high and continue to grow, adds to office workload

Mobile Command Vehicle (EM-50) Rental

- Purchased to support complex, long term incidents in need of a facility for command and control.
- 2005 model year showing increased wear and tear.
- Technology updates are required.
- Vehicle is being requested to be a command post for special event support.
- Staffing is difficult for many special events on weekends and holidays. Currently provided by volunteers.
- Homeland Security grants are becoming more stringent and limiting expenses on specialty vehicles.
- Proposal will not impact emergency response.
- Funds collected will be used to establish a maintenance and sustainment account.



2017 BUDGET INITIATIVES



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- Two primary initiatives:
 - 1) Permission to charge event coordinators for use of EM-50 and staff, if necessary, for special events, i.e., Iron Man, vehicle and personnel provided from 4:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; events typically promoted by for-profit entities, being able to compensate deputy coordinators will increase ease for providing service, fees will reimburse County for any hours used to support deputy coordinators at these events; important to note - no impact to emergency response

Deputy Coordinator Compensation

- Currently volunteers appointed by Emergency Management and confirmed by the Legislature
- Deputy coordinators are assigned to fire, emergency medical services or emergency management functions.
- Average 15 deputy coordinators
- Respond to emergency scenes to assist departments with command and control
- Represent the department at various meetings throughout the County
- Would be compensated in same fashion as the Fire Investigation Unit

2017 BUDGET INITIATIVES

2017 PRIORITIES



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- 2) Overall staffing level request remains the same, looking to compensate deputy coordinators for services provided – primary people that support the EM-50, getting staffing for holidays and weekends has been difficult; compensation to be handled the same as fire investigators – 103 employees paid for time worked

2017 Priorities

- Continued emphasis on County government disaster preparedness and response planning, including planning for the provision of human needs during a disaster.
- Complete updates to the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.
- Finalize a training and exercise plan for the County's Emergency Operations Center.
- Partner with the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency to update the County's Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT- THE FUTURE

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- SOCPA primary department for county's Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan, FEMA required plan, makes them eligible for FEMA hazard mitigation funds

Mr. Jordan:

- Questioned All Other Expenses increase to both budgets

Mr. Wears:

- Just the way grants are budgeted, when broken up hit 50% personnel max, then budget out into various things, i.e. interoperable communications training exercise - a projection of what they will be applying for, for the 2017 grant year, doesn't have specifics; certain things are adjusting and may change expenses slightly, i.e. air cards, may have previously come off the equipment line in a grant, now will go into another line, grant funding overall projected to stay relatively the same

Mr. Jordan:

- Staffing remaining the same yet Travel and Training increasing

Mr. Wears:

- Critical incidents stress management team are all volunteers, paying their own travel, training and class registration, feel they should support them somewhat, \$5,000 won't cover all the expenses – want to maintain the team and service provided to all first responders in the county, free of charge, as they go through traumatic incidents, i.e. rescuing children from bus accident a few years ago particularly traumatic; peer-to-peer initial intervention service provided upon request from various departments within the County, service will continue to be volunteer

Mr. Jordan:

- Asked if charges for the EM-50 were include in Other Miscellaneous Revenue

Mr. Wears:

- Yes, estimated \$3,000 based on number of previous events and fee proposal; would offset some personnel costs

Chair Knapp:

- Asked what was paid out of Maintenance Utilities and Rents

Mr. Wears:

- Cell phones, air cards, and radio repairs - majority purchased around radio project, seeing uptick in repairs, historically had contract for maintenance and repairs

Chair Knapp:

- Dramatic increase – 2.5 times 2015 actual

Mr. Wears:

- Increase mainly repairs, hadn't repaired many, will continue to see increased level of repairs

Chair Knapp:

- Asked who was paid out of Other Employee Wages, almost doubled from 2015

Mr. Wears:

- \$31,200 for fire investigators, additional \$15,000 for deputy coordinators; roughly \$3,000 would be offset by revenue

Chair Knapp:

- Changing title of Director of Security

Mr. Wears:

- Would change the scope and expand job to get someone with more emergency management experience, able to assist the office in other things; intend to fill position

Mr. Jordan:

- Asked for explanation of Professional Services \$90,000, up from \$1,700 in 2015

Mr. Wears:

- For EMS courses and instructors, reimbursed by NYSDOH – \$90,000 for both expenditure and revenue

PROBATION – pg. 4-55: Andrew Sicherman, Commissioner; Philip Galuppi, Deputy Commissioner; Robert Cleghorn, Account 2, Finance

Mr. Sicherman presented the following:

Good morning and thank you for the opportunity to present the Onondaga County Probation Department's 2017 budget. With me today is Phil Galuppi, who works with us in Probation and Rob Cleghorn, from Financial Management, who assists us with our budget.

In addition to providing probation supervision for just under 5,000 individuals within Onondaga County, the department also is responsible for completing presentence reports for all courts within the County, regardless of disposition. For every case where there is a plea bargain for a period of probation or we will be recommending a sentence of probation, we complete a validated risk and needs assessment. This assessment helps us provide the appropriate level of supervision as well as identifying the areas of need for each client. In 2015, we completed over 3,000 presentence reports.

Once a case is assigned to a Supervising Probation Officer, we begin the process of supervision. We place a great emphasis on "field-based" probation supervision. Probation Officers are required to work a specified number of hours outside normal business hours. Probationers are seen in the office and a supervision plan is created with input from the client. Based on the case plan, the risk and needs assessment and the present offense, referrals are made to appropriate agencies throughout the County. We also have a High School Equivalency teacher on site and Vera House holds a weekly domestic violence class in our department.

Within the Department we have several specialized units, including:

Sex Offenders and perpetrators of domestic violence: In Onondaga County there are 162 registered sex offenders under our supervision. Last year, the legislature approved funding to allow us to perform polygraph testing on certain sex offenders. So far, we have completed 46 polygraphs. We appreciate the ongoing commitment to help us keep the community safe. In addition to Polygraph testing, we recently sent a Probation Officer for training in the forensic analysis of cell phones and computers. Although we regularly check sex offender's cell phones and computers for the presence of prohibited content, this training will provide a higher level of forensic analysis.

DWI: In my remarks last year, I mentioned that we had created a supervision unit composed exclusively of offenders convicted of DWI. We supervise over 500 DWI offenders. Most of you are probably familiar with Leandra's Law. Part of the law requires all individuals convicted of DWI, to have an Ignition Interlock device installed in any vehicle that they own or operate. We spend a significant amount of time attempting to ensure that probationers are not operating a vehicle without an IID. In August of this year, we were one of six (6) Counties chosen to receive a grant from the Division of Criminal Justice Services to conduct an IID enhanced enforcement pilot program. Here are a few highlights of this program:

- 119 DWI probationers were identified as appropriate for the enhanced enforcement project.
- 16 probationers were caught driving without a license and operating a vehicle not equipped with an IID.

- *In one case, a probationer was stopped by the Probation Officer, found to be highly intoxicated and subsequently charged with Felony DWI.*
- *In addition to enforcement, the detail also focused on education. With the help of the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's Office, we developed an informational brochure about Leandra's Law to give to all vehicle owners, not just the DWI offenders. The brochure helps explain the law, specifically the fact that it is a crime to knowingly let a convicted DWI offender operate a vehicle without an IID.*

Alternative to Incarceration or ATIP: In an effort to address the high populations in both the Justice Center and the Onondaga County Correctional Facility, every violation of probation is evaluated for possible referral to one of our alternative to incarceration programs. In addition to electronic home confinement or house arrest, we utilize drug court and our in house alternative to incarceration programs. Last year, I mentioned that we have been able to utilize the TASC program as a final alternative for clients with complex substance abuse issues. Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities is a program located in the capital district and is designed for clients who are headed to prison or local incarceration. Since we began referring to TASC, we have had 9 probationers successfully complete the program, saving thousands of dollars in incarceration costs.

Consistently, the most challenging part of our work is getting offenders to change their behavior. We continue to certify Probation Officers in Thinking For a Change and Motivational Interviewing. T4C classes are taught in the Probation Department.

We continue to see a steady flow of clients suffering with mental illness. I am pleased to report that in early 2016, we started a mental health peer support group in the probation department. As the name suggests, the group is composed of clients whose mental illness has had a significant effect on their ability to successfully complete the probation sentence. The group also includes a peer support specialist and a forensic case manager. The peer support is key as this is an individual with firsthand knowledge of the challenges faced by the participants. In addition to our group, similar groups have been started in the Justice Center and at the Correctional facility.

As we are all aware, over the past several years, heroin addiction and overdose has become very difficult to manage. Our clients often find themselves and their families directly affected by this problem. In addition to referrals to treatment, we have trained our staff in the use of NARCAN and we continue to work with our County partners on emerging interventions to address this difficult problem.

There are no significant changes in the 2017 proposed budget as compared to 2016.

Lastly, I would like to thank the staff for their hard work and dedication and will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

- ATIP found to be most effective process, takes out individual decision making of probation officer, ensures more consistent case evaluation and use of alternative programing
- TASC last chance program, Sheriff's department helping with transports, TASC staff conduct interviews in the jail
- T4C cognitive behavioral program, 4 probation officers certified to teach program in-house
- 2 evaluators come into the department on busy report days, one can handle substance abuse evaluations and the other handles mental health
- Those suffering from mental health have a difficult time navigating probation, peer group talks about pitfalls, areas of concern and workarounds for success

Mr. Jordan:

- Questioned the Professional Services increase

Mr. Sicherman:

- Largest piece management software maintenance and support - goes up almost yearly, also includes psych testing for hires, polygraph, lab and drug testing

Mr. Jordan'

- **Questioned grants Travel and Training increase of \$1,500**

Mr. Sicherman:

- **Doesn't have grant info with him - will get back to him with the information**

Mr. Jordan:

- Looking to create Spanish speaking probation officer

Mr. Sicherman:

- Defunded probation officer position, changed to Spanish speaking position

Dr. Chase:

- Asked ratio of officer to probationers

Mr. Sicherman:

- Depends on unit, general supervision 75-85 cases per officer, DWI, sex offender and DV cases about 70 clients per officer – try to keep number lower due to additional work required to supervise them; investigators each conduct 25-30 investigations per month for presentence reports, heavy workload also

Dr. Chase:

- Asked if it was reasonable to think they could keep track of all those people

Mr. Sicherman:

- Good question, defiantly can, use assessment event to identify risk and needs, spend majority of time supervising those most likely to reoffend, work smart and rely on the tools they have

Chair Knapp:

- Questioned County Service Revenue – Public Safety \$180,000

Mr. Sicherman:

- Funding received from DCJS to run ATIP

Chair Knapp:

- **Asked for a list of their contracts,** and if assigned counsel changes would impact Probation

Mr. Sicherman:

- Asked if he was referring to the Hurrell-Harring decision – what does he mean exactly

Chair Knapp:

- NYS is going to take over financing of the assigned counsel program

Mr. Sicherman:

- Doesn't see how that will have any effect on their operations

Chair Knapp:

- Thank you

Mr. Sicherman:

- Thank you for your support

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS – pg. 4-14: William Bleyle, Commissioner; Carl Loerzel, Deputy Commissioner; Thomas Fleming, Accountant 2

Mr. Bleyle introduced his team and presented the following:

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"The mission of the Onondaga County Department of Emergency Communications is to serve as the critical and vital link between the citizens of Onondaga County and the public safety agencies that serve them."



E911 MISSION STATEMENT

E911 2016 YEAR IN REVIEW: Key Accomplishments & Budget Projections



2016 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Answering 91.3% of all 9-1-1 calls within 10-seconds or less (NYS Law & industry standards require 90%) and 95.6% of all 9-1-1 calls within 15 seconds (Industry standard is 95.0%).
- Worked with Verizon and Airbus-DS to accomplish a full replacement of the VESTA911 telephony platform at both the primary E911 Center and the E911 Back-up Site. This project was delayed from the spring due to the Verizon strike.
- Consolidated the Professional Standards Coordinator (accreditation, QA/QI) and Training Section into a single Professional Development Section, in order to improve coordination of effort and organizational efficiency.



E911 2016 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Staffing where it needs to be; invite legislators to stop down to the site over the next few days to see back-up site in operation

2016 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Implemented a new mission-critical public emergency notification system that provides an enhanced ability to target various devices, locations and demographics. This system includes an interface with FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS), allowing E911 to send text messaging to all cell phones in a targeted area to warn of an impending emergency.
- Continued as an active member of the Central New York Communications Consortium (CNYICC) recognized by the NYS DHSES OIEC as the gold standard for regional interoperability and cooperation.



E911 2016 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2016 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Entered into discussions with Jefferson and Oneida counties to share the Onondaga County trunked radio system master site. This will improve regional public safety interoperability while saving an additional \$28,000/year.
- Maintained 100% reliability of the Onondaga County Interoperable Communications System (OCICS) digital trunked land mobile radio system, simulcast alerting paging systems, interoperability radio equipment, and the 800 MHz data radio system. The OCICS system now serves 161 municipal, county, tribal, State, and Federal public safety and public service agencies that operate more than 8,400 radios within Onondaga County.



E911 2016 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Currently save \$250,000 by sharing master site, will have annual maintenance savings of \$275,000 once those counties come on board in 2017 or 2018; also in early discussion with neighboring county to share computer aided dispatch system, and with another county to share telephone system

2016 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Increased the ability of our personnel to complete their job tasks to the highest level of expectation by providing 76 hours of annual in-service training for all personnel and enhancing our employee's knowledge and skills.
- Maintained our compliance with CALEA/APCO Public Safety Communications standards in preparation for a November 30-December 1, 2016 on-site assessment.
- Working on replacement of HVAC system at the E911 Center that was installed in 1991 and implemented a capital project for a study of the E911 Center equipment and physical plant. A vendor and project manager has been selected.

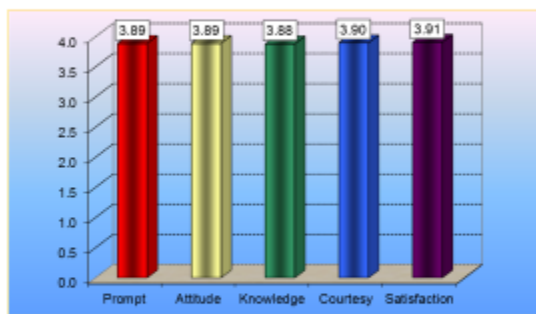


E911 2016 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- HVAC construction to begin soon, to be completed by winter this year or early next year

2016 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Received high customer satisfaction ratings on citizen and public safety agency surveys.



- Year to date customer complaints are down 57% over the same period last year.

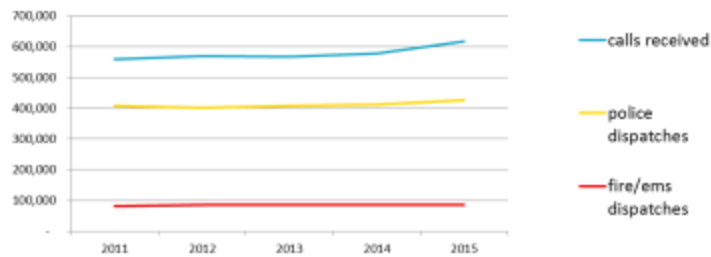


E911 2016 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Don't receive many complaints, but proud to say they are down

E911 CALL TAKING STATISTICS

In 2015 the Department of Emergency Communications saw a 6.8% increase in call volume. Year to date 2016, calls have decreased by 5.4%. The 2016 call total is a 2.1% increase from 2014 call totals.



Despite an increase in call volume, E911 continues to meet the New York State NYSRR 5202.2(b) requirement that 90% of wireless 9-1-1 calls be answered within 10 seconds and the industry standard of answering 95% of 9-1-1 calls in 15-seconds or less.

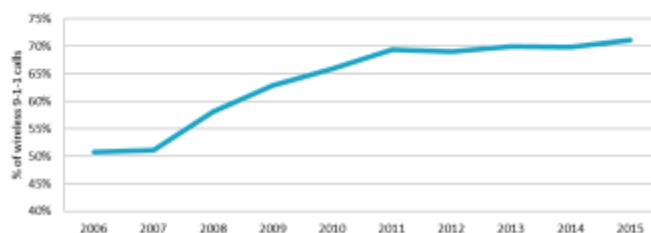


E911 CALL TAKING STATISTICS

90/10 Call Statistics

Year	Answered <10 Seconds	Answered <15 Seconds
2015	90.9%	95.6%
2016 YTD	91.3%	96.1%

Wireless calls account for over 70% of all 9-1-1 calls. These calls take longer to process due to location verification challenges. Despite increased call volumes and a high percentage of wireless calls, E911 continues to meet or exceed State and industry standards

Wireless % of 9-1-1 Calls

E911 CALL TAKING STATISTICS

- Hope 911 technologies will be up to date with NG911

2016 BUDGET PROJECTIONS

- **A641010, A641020, and A641030 Personnel Accounts**

Projecting significant deficits due in large part to salary increases from the CSEA contract settlement and retroactive pay as well as increased overtime relating to staffing shortages, long-term illnesses, and VESTA training.

- **All Other Accounts**

Current projections indicate that we will stay within the confines of the 2016 Budget. This could change based upon major catastrophes, unusual incidents, storms, lightning strikes, unplanned repairs, employee illnesses, etc.



E911 2016 BUDGET PROJECTIONS

E911 2017 BUDGET



- Unable to get number of hires hoped for this year due to thinning of civil service list

2017 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Explore implementation of Automated Secure Alarm Protocol (ASAP) that could eliminate more than 50,000 incoming phone calls resulting in stabilized staffing, improved answer speeds, improved public safety response times, and reduce human error.



- Complete implementation of CAD-voice technology that allows automated radio alerting and dispatch of fire/EMS resources, providing consistency in dispatch and allowing dispatchers to more effectively multitask during busy periods.



- Recommend an effective and cost efficient course of action for replacing the County's public safety mobile data network that will be 11 years old and does not have the bandwidth to keep pace with evolving mobile computer technology.



E911 2017 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Hope state supplies backbone to ASAP – would be direct computer aided dispatch to computer aided dispatch system between 911 center and alarm companies with capability, alarms of those companies would bypass call takers and go directly to the dispatcher
- One alarm results in many volunteer departments being notified, CAD-voice technology will smooth that process and help keep personnel levels in fire dispatch area stable
- Began process for replacement of the mobile data network, waiting for bid to be awarded on consultant

2017 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Build upon Next Generation 9-1-1 call taking solution by seeking funding for a direct Text-to-911 interface. Work with NYS DHSES, NYSAC, and other to organizations to seek backbone support and funding streams to support a transition to NG911, expected to be mandated by the end of 2020.
- Complete building engineering study to examine the status of existing 25-year old E911 facility and systems (e.g., electrical, roof, windows, storage, work areas, utility feeds) and make recommendations necessary to sustain reliable, efficient and effective public safety communications. Study will make recommendations regarding the adjacent former Hillbrook facility.



E911 2017 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Hillbrook facility abandoned except for storage

2017 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Continue to work with CNYICC member counties to enhance communications interoperability and reduce expenses through shared services. Currently exploring sharing CAD system with one other county, master site with two other counties, and phone system with one other county.
- Receive APCO Project 33 Training Certification verifying that Onondaga County's E911 training program meets all American National Standards (ANS).
- Receive CALEA/APCO Public Safety Communications reaccreditation in March 2017. Onondaga E911 is one of only two Public Safety Answering Points in New York State that have achieved international recognition.



E911 2017 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- One theme of CNYICC is controlling 911 costs to sustain service to the public

2017 BUDGET APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

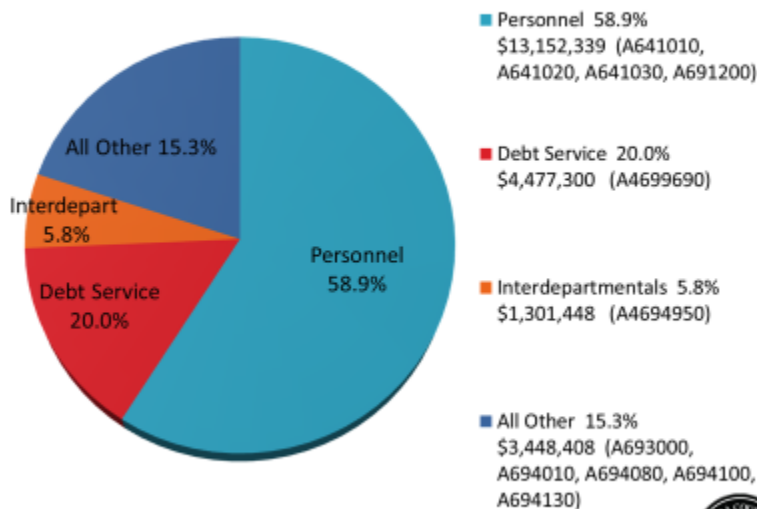
APPROPRIATIONS - 2016 ADOPTED vs. 2017 EXECUTIVE

CODE	ITEM	2016 ADOPTED	2017 EXECUTIVE	% CHANGE
A641010	SALARY & WAGES	\$7,309,781	\$7,579,402	3.7%
A641020	OVERTIME & HOLIDAY PAY	\$1,000,000	\$1,032,950	3.3%
A641030	OTHER EMPLOYEE WAGES	\$50,000	\$50,000	0.0%
A691200	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$3,976,066	\$4,489,987	12.9%
A693000	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$58,158	\$56,158	-3.4%
A694010	TRAVEL/TRAINING	\$23,500	\$23,500	0.0%
A694080	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$13,000	\$13,000	0.0%
A694100	ALL OTHER EXPENSES	\$68,110	\$70,109	2.9%
A694130	MAINTENANCE, UTILITIES, & RENTS	\$3,251,640	\$3,251,640	0.0%
A694950	INTERDEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	\$1,318,584	\$1,301,448	-1.3%
A699690	TRANSFER TO DEBT SERVICE	\$4,193,199	\$4,477,300	6.8%
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$21,262,038	\$22,345,494	5.1%



E911 2017 BUDGET - APPROPRIATIONS

- No new positions, 75% of increased budget due to increase in salary and benefits appropriations, remaining majority results from increase to debt service

2017 BUDGET BY %

E911 2017 BUDGET BREAKDOWN

2017 APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS OF NOTE

- A641010 Regular Salaries, A641020 Overtime, and A641030 Temporary Wages (3.6%)**

These account codes are increased to reflect CSEA wage increases that went into effect in 2016.

- A693000 Supplies and Materials and A694100 All Other Expense (0.0%)**

\$2,000 is moved from the A693000 Supplies and Materials account to the A694100 All Other Expense account to reflect actual expenses.

- A691200 Employee Benefits (+12.9%)**

This account code is increased by \$513,921.

- A699690 Transfer to Debt Service (+6.8%)**

This account code is increased by \$284,101.



E911 2017 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS – APPROPRIATIONS

A699690 TRANSFER TO DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE 2017 -2022

Year	Principal Owed	Interest Owed	Gross Debt Service	Budgeted Reserves	Scheduled Subsidies *	Net Debt Service	Surcharge Elidgeble Debt **
2017	3,801,696	695,197	4,496,893	13,942	5,651	4,477,300	4,299,577
2018	3,788,741	527,916	4,316,657	0	6,064	4,310,593	4,014,988
2019	3,708,156	376,460	4,084,616	0	6,064	4,078,552	3,771,026
2020	1,462,656	266,354	1,729,010	0	5,394	1,723,616	1,701,894
2021	1,462,559	195,949	1,658,508	0	4,016	1,654,492	1,631,674
2022	1,116,300	132,254	1,248,554	0	2,494	1,246,060	1,222,125
Grand Total	15,340,108	2,194,130	17,534,238	13,942	29,683	17,490,613	16,641,284

*Scheduled Subsidies from BAB and RZ bond issuances subject to change based on Federal Sequestration

** Combined principal and interest of projects eligible to be offset by the E911 surcharge



TRANSFER TO DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

2017 REVENUE ACCOUNTS OF NOTE

- A590005 Non-Real Property Tax Items**

There is a decrease of \$405,738 in this account code. This account contains revenue from the \$1.00 surcharge on land line telephones. With the reduction in land line usage this amount has decreased as well. It is anticipated that this amount will decrease further in coming years.



- A590051 Real Property Rental/Lease to Individuals**

There is an increase of \$27,659 in this account code due to a new lease with Verizon at the Manlius Tower site. We will continue to explore opportunities for addition revenue from tower leases while being mindful to ensure that a lessee's equipment will not have a negative impact on our communications.



E911 2017 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS - REVENUE

2017 BUDGET SUMMARY

2016 ADOPTED vs. 2017 EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS

ITEM	2016 ADOPTED	2017 EXECUTIVE	% CHANGE
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$21,262,038	\$22,345,494	5.1%

2016 ADOPTED vs. 2017 EXECUTIVE REVENUE

CODE	ITEM	2016 ADOPTED	2017 EXECUTIVE	% CHANGE
A590005	CO SVC REV PUBLIC SAFETY	\$3,458,738	\$3,053,000	-11.7%
A590042	OTH PUBLIC SAFETY-OTHER GOVT' S	\$251,110	\$251,110	0.0%
A590051	REAL PROPERTY RENTAL/LEASE TO INDIVID	\$80,346	\$108,005	34.4%
A590056	MINOR SALES OTHER	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.0%
TOTAL REVENUE		\$3,792,194	\$3,414,115	-10.0%

2016 ADOPTED vs. 2017 EXECUTIVE LOCAL DOLLARS

ITEM	2016 ADOPTED	2017 EXECUTIVE	% CHANGE
LOCAL DOLLARS	\$17,469,844	\$18,931,379	8.4%

E911 2017 BUDGET – REVENUE & LOCAL DOLLARS

2017 – 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN



- Approximately \$378,000 decrease in revenue primarily due to loss of \$1 surcharge from wired phones – number of wired phones dropping dramatically; receive some money from wireless phones, don't receive any money from pay as you go phones, good share of wireless funds taken by NYS and not passed back to municipalities, continue to work with NYSAC and other organizations to ensure their fair share of those wireless funds, as well as a share of revenue on prepaid phones to sustain service

E911 LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

• Implement Next Generation 911 (NG911) Technology

- ☐ Current 9-1-1 system is designed around analog telephone technology and cannot handle the text, data, digital images and video that are increasingly common in personal communications and critical to future safety advances in a wireless mobile society.
- ☐ The public, particularly those with disabilities, expects that Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) will keep pace with advanced technologies.
- ☐ NG911 will involve standards-based, end-to-end, IP based 9-1-1 capabilities that will replace legacy 9-1-1 systems.
- ☐ Implementation of technology will require a high availability IP infrastructure interface, equipment and software to support VoIP communications, changes in communications recording systems, and will require improvements in mobile data wireless infrastructure. NG911 will also have human resource impacts.
- ☐ There will be a period of time where NG911 and legacy technologies will overlap. This will be costly.
- ☐ FCC has indicated that it will mandate migration to NG911, possibly by the end of the year 2020.
- ☐ In September 2016 Onondaga County E911 took the first step towards implementation of NG911 with the installation of a VESTA 4x NG911 capable call taking solution.



E911 LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Long-term plans include many gains for the public

E911 LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

• Radio System Continuity of Operations

- ☐ OCICS trunked land mobile radio (TLMR) network currently supports 161 public safety and public service agencies with more than 8,400 subscriber radios in use.
- ☐ Loss of critical infrastructure could cause a catastrophic failure of the TLMR system and cause all subscriber radios to go "dark."
- ☐ E911 is exploring the most cost effective method for ensuring continuity of operations. The exact route is not known at this time due to rapidly changing technology.

• Mobile Data Communications Network Infrastructure (MDCN) Replacement

- ☐ Our current DataRadio system was built in 2007 and will reach the end of its useful lifecycle in 2017. Modem repairs are expensive and not sustainable. With a very limited throughput of about 42 kbps the current MDCN system is not capable of supporting current and future technologies e.g., video streaming, digital images, report writing, mapping).
- ☐ Public safety's increasing reliance on wireless technologies coupled with the need for more bandwidth (<100 mbps) and the obsolescence of the DataRadio system will require a migration to a high speed data network.
- ☐ E911 is carefully following the FirstNet national public safety broadband network initiative and is in the process of hiring a consultant to guide the County in choosing the most effective and cost efficient solution for replacing the obsolete MDCN.



E911 LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

E911 LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- **Preparing E911 for the Next 25 Years**

- ❑ The main E911 Center building turned 25 years old in 2016.
- ❑ Problems with the HVAC system, roof (original 20-year roof), windows (leak and frost over), electrical system (maxed out), lack of technical services workspace, lack of storage, undersized training room, limited restrooms, security inadequacies, and a shortage of office space.
- ❑ County has authorized a needs assessment by an independent vendor.

- **Radio Tower Replacement**

- ❑ Of the 16 radio towers managed by E911, the Rose Hill (ROS) and Makyes (MAK) towers are reaching end of life and will need to be replaced.
- ❑ ROS was built in the 1960's for the Union Pacific Railroad and made its way to E911 via the OCRRA. At nearly 60 years of age the tower does not meet current standards for critical public safety tower structures. Recent inspections have found deficiencies. ROS to be replaced in 2018.
- ❑ MAK is a light duty tower constructed in 1980 and is at maximum capacity with the installation of the microwave system (2006) and OCICS (2009). The tower will not safely accommodate future technologies. Tower has been painted battleship gray because galvanizing has worn too thin. The tower does not meet current standards for critical public safety tower structures. MAK to be replaced in 2019.



E911 LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

E911 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2017-2022

YEAR	PROJECT NAME	ESTIMATED COST	TOTAL FOR YEAR
2016	Mobile Data Communications Network Consultant	\$245,000	\$245,000
2017	• Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System Hardware Refresh	\$975,395	\$9,406,335
	• Mobile Data Communications System Replacement *	6,467,075	
	• Trunked Land Mobile Radio Network Back-up Prime Site	1,963,865	
2018	• Auxiliary Power System Replacement	\$621,525	\$1,620,092
	• Public Safety Tower Replacement	\$604,485	
	• Oblique Aerial Digital Imagery Refresh	394,082	
2019	• Next Generation 911 (NG-911) Telephone System Replacement	\$3,658,725	\$3,658,725

* - Not to exceed amount pending a needs assessment and recommendation of Mobile Data Communication Network consultant to be retained by the County in the Fall of 2016.



E911 2016 BUDGET CIP 2017-2022

Mr. Jordan:

- Asked if they were still applying for grants; don't see line relating to grants, where is it reflected

Mr. Bleye:

- Continue to apply for grants, aren't guaranteed, rather than anticipate funding come back for approval; PSAP grant used to be annual, was eliminated for a few years, will be seeking approval for 2017 PSAP Sustainability grant soon

Mr. Jordan:

- Asked if grant funds would offset budget items or be used for additional items

Mr. Bleye:

- Usually seek to offset capital projects, i.e. bringing forward capital plan request of \$300,000, hoping to use \$180,000 PSAP grant to offset, along with other money

Mr. Jordan:

- Funds would be used for additional projects, not current capital projects

Mr. Bleyle:

- For capital projects on the books – offsetting existing projects

Mr. Jordan:

- Asked if grant funds would decrease Transfer to Debt Service or would they bond for less

Mr. Morgan:

- Transfer to Debt Service is debt already issued; similar to WEP and other capital heavy departments, if able to obtain grants, reduce the amount issued in bonds

Mr. May:

- Asked if there are certain carriers they don't receive surcharges from or only pay as you go phones

Mr. Bleyle:

- Just pay as you go phones, which can be big carriers; starting to see more people switching to pay as you go, told revenue decreasing from wireless also – biggest decrease from revenue surcharge money is in regard to wireline phones; 2007-2008 passed \$1 surcharge on wired phones, used to offset \$35 million dollar bond for radio system, sunset of 10 years, goes back to \$.35 on wirelined phones, \$1.20 fee on wireless phones goes entirely to NYS, originally went to the state because they were answering all wireless calls, couldn't keep up with the volume, calls went to the County but the state kept those funds; PSAP grant distributes \$10 million across the state, funds come from the wireless funds the state receives - last count state received almost \$200,000 million and distributed about \$75 million back to the counties

Mr. May:

- Don't see building expenses in capital projects, HVAC, roof downstream, significant capital expenses don't show up here

Mr. Morgan:

- CIP review will concentrate on projects that may be requesting bonding this fall – one relates to the study of Mr. Bleyle's building

Mr. Bleyle:

- Already received permission for study - \$100,000, vendor selected to conduct study, in contract negotiation phase, assumes any recommendation for improvements would be part of future capital plan

Mr. May:

- AC units will be done, then they will look at the roof

Mr. Bleyle:

- AC will be completed no later than Spring

Mr. May:

- Don't understand why the County would do a single roof study, could probably do a design build and save a substantial amount of money – more comment than question

Mr. Morgan:

- Design build only allowable on specific projects – don't know if it's universal at this point

Mr. May:

- At the County level

Mr. Morgan:

- Especially if state funds are received, unique example – amphitheater specifically approved to allow design build; understands his point

Mr. May:

- Sometimes have complex projects - this is one building, one roof, just additional costs because its government work as opposed to private sector

Chair Knapp:

- Past few years much talk about consolidation and regional facility, asked if there was anything new

Mr. Bleyle:

- One county interested, very preliminary talks, hope to seek additional funding from Department of State, study very limited, considered 5 counties, primarily on sharing services - consolidation with

different unions between different centers, different CAD systems, different phone systems, i.e., Oswego County looking at the CAD system, another county looking at the phone system, if all can work toward same platform, everyone could save money by doing group maintenance as with the radio system, would also pave the way for less startup costs on consolidation, regionalization will be the wave of the future for 911 - 3 state centers cover Vermont; technology costs rapidly increasing, radio system used to last 20 years, radio equipment now computer based with lifecycle of 5-6 years

Mr. Ryan:

- Questioned surcharge funds received from the state – thought the County wasn't receiving anything

Mr. Bleyle:

- Much pressure, state giving more and more of the money, its estimated NYS receives \$200 million per year and gives back \$75 million in various ways - PSAP grant divides up \$10 million, \$180,000 for Onondaga County in 2017, allocate money almost annually for targeted competitive grants, are starting to move away from this, moving toward formula based grants; expect sometime in 2017 to receive formula based grant proportion of \$40 million, unknown what that formula is and how much to expect

Mr. Ryan:

- Wireless surcharge instituted years ago, thought County wasn't receiving anything in the beginning; asked if give back was relatively new

Mr. Bleyle:

- No, funds come through several different ways, may not get it each year and may not be able to spend it as you wish, state has been establishing targeted competitive grants, tell you what they want built onto the system, County received 2 out of 4 competitive grants, to date hasn't given out money to offset operational costs - other than small PSAP grants

Mr. Jordan:

- State generates \$200 million from surcharge, what happens with the remaining \$125 million

Mr. Bleyle:

- FCC says and federal government mandates surcharges be used to support 911 operations, NY one of a few states that don't use it for that purpose – at one point \$1.20 was listed as 911 surcharge, NYS changed name of surcharge, now called public safety surcharge and is used for a variety of items; 4-5 years ago newspaper article pertained to the state's use of surcharge fees for things such as dry cleaning, conferences and other things; NYS punished for inappropriately using surcharge fees, hurts all counties as other moneys earmarked for 911 don't come this way

Mr. Jordan:

- Business as usual in Albany, absolutely despicable

Chair Knapp:

- Thank you

Mr. Bleyle:

- Please stop by the backup site

DISTRICT ATTORNEY – pg. 3-65: Dominic Trunfio, Deputy District Attorney; Barry Weiss, Administrative Officer;

Mr. Trunfio apologized for DA Fitzpatrick's absence, noting he was unable to attend, and presented the following:

Office of the District Attorney 2017 Budget

September 26, 2016

Mission:

- Pursue Justice
- Public Safety
- Perpetrator Accountability

- Mission more important in context of national narrative – national narrative all out of whack, many voices on what should be happening, bottom-line DA is responsible, i.e. crime lab, police, probation, medical examiner and assigned counsel don't need the DA to do their job, but the DA needs them to his, very unique office; Legislature oversees the budgets of all those agencies that effect the performance of their job

History of Fiscal Responsibility

➤ 1992

Inherited a budget ¾ Million in the Red.
Since then this Office has had 24 Budgets,
each one ended the year in the black.

➤ 2016

With the legislature's continued support
and assistance, we will have completed 25
straight years of running our operation in
the black

Workload, Staffing & Performance

101 Line Comparison

2016

- 106 Full Time Employees
- \$5.8 Million

2017 (Proposed by CE)

- \$5.4 Million (\$417,000 less than 2016)

We have seen a 40%
workload increase in the last
15 years

- If proposed amount remains will end up in the red - 12 eligible for retirement incentive, of which 6 are attorneys who aren't leaving - may get a couple support staff

Volume of Cases

- **53,000** Cases Per Year Funneling in From Over 20 Different LE & Police agencies (Ranging From V&T's - over 100,000 - to Violent Felonies)



2015 Prosecutions

- 3,597 Felony Arrests
 - ✓ Over **26%** are violent felonies
- 1, 223 Felony Indictments/SCI's
- 50 felony trials
- 6,994 Misdemeanor Arrests
- over 50 Misdemeanor trials
- Tens of Thousands of Violations and Vehicle & Traffic Dispositions

Projections for 2016

Felony Indictments

1,300+

Felony Trials **50+**

Misdemeanor Trials: **50+**

Conviction Rate

Overall 2015 Conviction Rate

- NYS Average: 91%
- **Onondaga County: 98%**

- Conviction rate includes pleas; source of pride because it impacts other county agencies, particularly what the county pays in terms of keeping someone at the Justice Center for trial

Efficiency: Time to Disposition

Overall Felonies

- NYS Average: **342 days**
- **Onondaga County: 173 days**

Violent Felonies

- NYS Average: **398 days**
- **Onondaga County: 189 days**

Workload and Funding Comparisons

Based Upon UCR Part One Crimes
(*Murder, Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Larceny & Auto Theft*)

- State's overall average increased 5 days over past year, County keeps getting more efficient, went down 1 day overall and 9 days for violent felonies; state's violent average down 3 days

2015 Murder Rate

County	*2015 Est. Population	# of ADA's		MURDERS	
		Current	Per 100K	**2015	Per 100K
1 Onondaga	468,463	48	10.2	24	5.12
2 Monroe	749,402	79	10.5	38	5.07
3 Erie	922,578	89	9.6	46	4.99
4 Oneida	232,500	23	9.7	7	3.01
5 Richmond	474,558	46	9.7	14	2.95
6 Albany	309,381	37	12.0	6	1.94
7 Niagara	212,652	23	10.8	4	1.88
8 Westchester	976,396	119	12.2	17	1.74
9 Orange	377,647	43	11.4	6	1.59
10 Dutchess	295,754	25	8.5	4	1.35
11 Rockland	326,037	31	9.5	4	1.23

Total Part I Crime

County	*2015 Est. Population	# of ADA's		Part I Crime	
		Current	Per 100K	**2015	Per 100K
1 Erie	922,578	89	9.6	26,091	2,828
2 Niagara	212,652	23	10.8	5,900	2,774
3 Monroe	749,402	79	10.5	20,532	2,740
4 Albany	309,381	37	12.0	8,224	2,658
5 Onondaga	468,463	48	10.2	11,574	2,471
6 Oneida	232,500	23	9.7	5,443	2,341
7 Orange	377,647	43	11.4	7,223	1,913
8 Dutchess	295,754	25	8.5	4,507	1,524
9 Richmond	474,558	46	9.7	6,465	1,362
10 Westchester	976,396	119	12.2	12,203	1,250
11 Rockland	326,037	31	9.5	3,759	1,153

- Murder rate leads the state, above NYC and approaching Chicago, in terms of murder per population
- Part 1 Crime includes murder, rape, felony theft and assault

Part I Crimes Per ADA

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6 Albany	309,381	37	222	8,224	2,658
7 Dutchess	295,754	25	180	4,507	1,524
8 Orange	377,647	43	168	7,223	1,913
9 Richmond	474,558	46	141	6,465	1,362
10 Rockland	326,037	31	121	3,759	1,153
11 Westchester	976,396	119	103	12,203	1,250

Workload Comparisons

- Onondaga County Ranks Highest Out of 11 similar upstate Counties in the Number of **Murders**
- Our ADA to **Part I Crimes** Ratio Ranks 5th Out of those same 11 Counties

Comparative Crime Rates Downstate & Upstate

	*Pop.	2015 Part I Crime	Per 100K	2015 Murder	Per 100K
NY State	19,795,791	388,731	1,964	610	3.1
New York City	8,550,405	179,948	2,105	352	4.1
Non-New York City	11,245,386	208,783	1,857	258	2.3
11 Counties	5,345,368	111,921	2,094	170	3.2
Onondaga	468,463	11,574	2,471	24	5.1

Consider this Perspective in Summary...

Onondaga County's crime rate:

- **Murder rate 66% higher** than the NYS average and **24% higher than NYC.**
- **Index crime 17% higher** than the NYC average
- **Index crime 26% higher** than the 11 County average...

Yet we rank 5th out of the 11 largest counties outside of NYC in ADAs per capita Part 1 Crime

- Increase mainly the City of Syracuse

Current Trends

We have progressive & aggressive approach to adapt to constantly changing trends

Increase in Homicides, Shots Fired and Shots with Injuries

- Gun Homicides up 40% (10 to 14)
- All Homicides up 18% (17 to 20)
- SPD homicide solve rate hovers around 40%
- Shots Fired up 50% (153 to 229)
- Persons Shot up 51% (47 to 71)

- Many reasons for SPD solve rate, including witness cooperation and intimidation

Gun Violence

- Since 2001 There Have Been Over 4,042 Shooting Incidents in the City of Syracuse

1,462 Persons Have Been Shot

1,283 Persons Survived
179 Homicides

- The District Attorney's Office Has Prosecuted Every Case Where an Arrest Was Made

Gang Activity and Gang Violence

- Gang Violence Increasing as SPD Staffing Declines
- Officer involved shootings, i.e., Father's Day Shooting

- Gang violence source of many homicides, don't let anyone tell you drugs are a victimless crime – economics of gangs is selling drugs and turf wars
- 5 officer involved shootings over the past 8 months, 2 fatal – handle the right way, are transparent, get investigation completed, don't let media, social media posts, or false narratives control, get to the facts, put it before grand jury, share grand jury's decision with community leaders and the family, then with the public, takes much time and effort, i.e. Father's Day shooting fulltime for 4-5 weeks

Year-to-Date 2016 Gun Prosecutions

- City CPW Arrests = 150
- County = 20
- Total CPW cases this year: 183
- Cases Referred to Feds = 43
- Federal Adopted Cases = 0
- Federal Adoptions in 2016 = 0

Witness Intimidation

- Witness intimidation is rampant, critically impacting witness cooperation and our ability to successfully prosecute violent criminals
- Funds for witness protection and/or witness relocation are non-existent in our budget
- New York Prosecutors Research Institute(NYPTI) offers some witness relocation money but it is extremely limited

- Fed's don't take cases for many reasons: 1) defendants must be 18 or older, many are under 2) NY has tougher sentencing for gun laws
- Many witnesses testify in grand jury because of secret proceeding, in courtroom change their story when they see the defendant and are cross examined by defendant's counsel; no money allocated for witness protection, must constantly juggle witness intimidation factor

Need for Translation Services and Interpreters

- We continue to see a fast growing population of non-English speaking witnesses, victims and defendants which is fueling a dramatic increase in translation services
- Increase in funds for forensic psychiatry services needed to refute defense witnesses.

Continued Spikes in Heroin, Synthetic Drugs and Prescription Drug Abuse

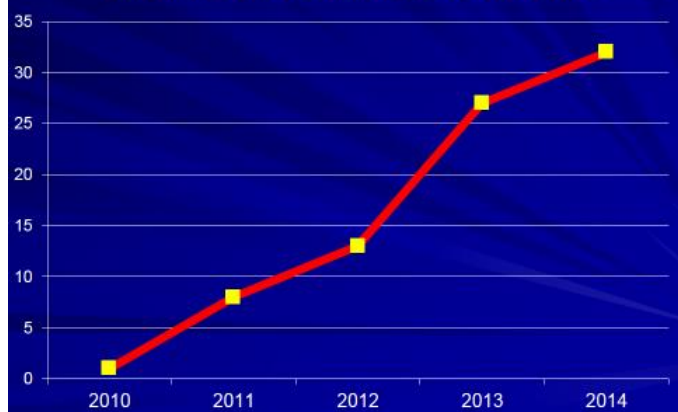
- SNADD program, 7 collection points throughout County for sharps, needles and drugs
- Sept. 2015-Sept. 2016: collected and burned 1020 lbs at OCCRA
- Increase in Crystal Meth Lab Seizures
1992 – 2012: 1 seizure in 11 **years**,

- Immigrants are preyed upon
- Crystal Meth seizure increased 200%-300%

Drug Overdose Police Calls Up 230%



Heroin OD Deaths 2010-14



- Drug overdose up 103% in past 2 years, will reach over 1600 by yearend, most are heroin or some type of proscription drug

Synthetic Marijuana Overdoses



Drug Dependency

According to the Upstate NY Poison Center, Onondaga County has the highest rate in the state of babies born with some form of drug dependency - about 26 in every 1,000 births.

That's three times higher than the statewide average of 6.9 per 1,000 births.

- Synthetic drugs take your mind, people act like animals, chew off their limbs – NY Times called Syracuse the spike capital of the world
- DA's office the funnel all these cases come to; babies born dependent get behind, generally take the bad road and they see them 14-16 years down the line

DWAI Drug Arrests Up

- 2014 – 59 incidents
- 2015 – 77 incidents
- 2016 – As of September 1, already 56 incidents

Increase DWI License Suspensions

- Since 2012, NYS has increased license suspensions of repeat DWI offenders; this means more DWI trials.
- 2011 – 5 trials
- 2012 – 4 trials
- 2013 – 7 trials
- 2014 – 8 trials
- 2015 – 11 trials
- 2016 – 7 trials so far this year

- Likely hit 80 DWAI arrests for 2016 – seeing drivers passed out with hypodermic needles, can't say how many times these people have been revived by Narcan, don't hear about it as it police just doing their duty
- Every time there is a law change the DA's office gets the consequence; i.e. OCA creates another court, DA's office has same number of ADA's and just has to deal with it, Hurrell-Harring decision puts ADA's on call 24/7

Increase in Appellate Workload

- 63 cases briefed and argued and decided by Appellate Division (10% increase over 2013-2014)
- 172 post verdict motions
- Dramatic increase in 440 motions and hearings challenging convictions years after sentence
- 6 Cases argued and decided by the Court of Appeals which decided important questions of law

Rapidly Changing Landscape of Appellate Work

- Steady increase in standard appeals (10% increase per year for the last several years)
- Additionally, post verdict motions and motions filed by incarcerated defendants filing "wrongful conviction" claims is dramatically rising every year
- More sophisticated and complex legal issues continue to be raised and entertained by all levels of state and federal courts
- Legal Aid has increased number of appellate attorneys and aggressively pursue appeals

- Court of Appeals highest court in the land, 6 cases in 2015 - important questions of law being decided by Onondaga County
- New national narrative “wrongful convictions” everybody in state prison is saying they were wrongfully convicted and are innocent; Legal Aid received funds as part of the Hurrell-Harring decision to increase appellate attorneys, DA did not receive funds for 24/7 arraignments or answering the additional 3-4 appellate attorneys, and was told they won’t receive funds from the state

Staying Ahead of Tech Savvy Criminals

- Use of computers, smart phones and the internet to commit and facilitate crimes including financial crimes, identity theft and child pornography
- The emergence of social media and smart phones as an avenue for evidence
- Requires constant training, expertise and new equipment

Cost of Video Storage

- Dash Cams
- COP Cameras
- Commercial & Residential Security Cameras
- Body Worn Cameras

Secured Storage = \$\$\$\$\$\$

- Yahoo and DNC recently hacked, everybody gets hacked - very difficult to stay ahead of tech savvy criminals
- Much talk of body worn camera, sounds great and could be helpful, hope they are aware of the costs –in addition to each camera, the real cost is storage, i.e. LAPD spent \$35 million in storage year one, then need to determine how long to store them - some advocate forever, some say until the case is over, complicated issue that will cost legislators that thought process, reiterated camera cost itself is nothing compared to costs for securing the video

Proactive Programs, Policies and Procedures that Effect Enhanced Performance and Success

Sex Crime Prosecutions

- 1992 – Creation of the DA’s Office Special Victims Bureau
- 1996 – Creation of the Abused Person’s Unit of Sheriff and Syracuse Police
- 2011– McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center
- Since August 2013 - a prosecutor has been co-located at the CAC as an integral part of the multi-disciplinary team

- Special Victims Bureau one of the most highly regarded bureau’s in the state, 19 or 20 police units come together as 1

Internet Crimes Against Children

Task Force Created in 2008:

- 14 Police officers from OCSO, NYSP, SPD
- Specialized ICAC Training
- Executed over 120 Search warrants Leading to 89 Arrests and Felony Prosecutions for Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography
- 30 Enticement & Traveler Cases

R.I.S.K. PROGRAM (Real-life Internet Safety for Kids)

Since it's Inception in 2007:

- Over 120 Presentations in Onondaga County
 - School Parent Groups, Schools and Organizations
 - Over 25,000 Kids, Parents & Teachers (up 20 % from 2014-15)
- Conducted Numerous Professional Trainings For Police Officers, Advocates & Counselors Who Work with Children

- Enticement and traveler cases are cases in which people come to this county to have sex with children, have undercovers working, are immersed in and part of those investigations; 2015 had high profile case, set up sting at NYS Fair with feds, NYS troopers, and local police agencies
- R.I.S.K. preventive program, teaches kids that child pornography ramifications are possible from images sent to boyfriend or girlfriend, if underage

CYBER JUSTICE DIVERSION PROGRAM

- Collaborative Effort Between DA's Office, Police Agencies, Educators and Parents
- Two Hour "Scared Straight" educational and disciplinary diversion program for teens and youths who have been caught sexting or cyber-bullying
- 37 Classes held since 2011
- 150 Teens have been referred since program inception

"COLD CASE" TASK FORCE

- Since 2002, we have worked together with the Crime Lab and the police to solve old, unsolved crimes at no extra cost to the taxpayers
- Reviewing 110 Cases Dating Back to 1966
- **40 Cases Closed**, 12 by Arrest, Indictment or Conviction
- New unsolved cases added every year

- Diversionary program for teens making stupid mistakes, don't end up with felony convictions
- Remaining 28 cold cases closed due to no physical evidence and all witnesses were dead; 40% arrest rate for homicides in the City, after 5 years unsolved homicides are added to Cold Case Task Force

USING DNA

- Coordination of CODIS Hits
- DNA Collection
- Using DNA Technology in New Ways to Enhance the Proof in Our Cases
- DNA Database Expansion and Advocacy for DNA on Arrest

CODIS

- Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) assists in identifying suspects by comparing DNA evidence collected at crime scenes with DNA samples from known offenders
- Successful prosecutions can be built around CODIS "hits" placing a defendant at the scene of a crime

- DNA extremely important, rely on crime lab that is down a DNA analyst and latent prints analyst, lab given 30% more guns this year, don't anticipate change, impossible for lab to keep up unless they get analyst, impacts DA, judge may dismiss case if it takes too long - desperate need for those two positions

Newest Examples of Innovation

- “Our City” – Collaborate with community partners to map cameras with targeted offender reports.
- County-wide School Resource Officer(SRO)program coordinated by DA's Office; recently updated reporting protocols to ensure safe schools
- TIP 411 – 1,225 Anonymous Tips Received By Police from 26 agencies
- Project L.E.A.D.
- Immigration Outreach Program

Technology Update

1. In the process of upgrading PCMS (Prosecutors Case Management System provided by NYPTI at no cost to taxpayers)
2. Most recent upgrade of courtroom presentation technology has been completed in 2014-15
3. We continue to evaluate and develop procedures for new technology such as the body-worn cameras being used by several local police agencies.

- Collaborating with private business or homeowners with security cameras to map cameras, i.e. Father's Day shooting cameras gave great picture of what happened
- SRO program requires constant maintenance and vigilance, schools don't like to report bad happenings in their district, must remind them it's the law
- TIP 411- ability for anyone using smartphone or computer to send anonymous tip
- Project L.E.A.D. program works with Syracuse School District, gets freshman involved in public service, particularly law enforcement, in hopes of getting applicants from within the community to become police officers – will eventually lead to people from the neighborhood patrolling and ensuring open communication and relationship between the community and police
- DA Fitzpatrick started Immigration Outreach in February, have high concentration of immigrants on the Northside, want various cultures to know the system is here for them, may come from places where the system was rigged, many are preyed upon and don't trust the system; head of Victim Witness Assistance Center speaks several languages, is an immigrant herself and has been leading the charge, along with a couple ADA's, have made really good progress
- 18 months ago started taskforce to create protocols for body cameras, 2 weeks ago sent final version to all police agencies, when wave of body cameras being standard equipment hits protocols will already be in place

CRIME ANALYSIS CENTER

- Mission: To Reduce Crime in Onondaga County by Providing Crime Analysis to Promote and Direct the Most Efficient Use of Police Resources
- 14 State Funded Positions as of Nov. 1st
- NYS Continues to Invest Millions in the Onondaga CAC for Personnel, Equipment & Software.
- Network Interface With Other Intelligence Centers to Enhance Intelligence and Analysis and soon to be connected to the northern border

Focus Crimes & Offenders

- Violent Felonies
 - ✓ In concert with the Syracuse PD and other law enforcement agencies, the DA's Office coordinates the investigation and prosecution of the most dangerous offenders in the County.
 - CORE List
 - Gang List
 - Bi-annual DCJS Chronic Offenders List

- CAC is a gem, 1 of 4 original sites, picked Onondaga County because of work reputation - now connected to the northern border
- Target chronic offenders, trying to do job smarter to make up for the fact that they don't request additional ADA's

Re-Entry Program

- Reduce crime by reducing recidivism.
- NYS DCJS belief in the effectiveness of the DA's Office
- Total awards of \$2,555,898
- 2016-17 application is \$350,900
- Program successfully restructured to enhance existing county resources to reduce crime by providing support and opportunity and integrating ex-cons back into community

Veteran's Diversion Program

- Program created and designed to address the needs of military veterans who have served our country in combat or combat –related support
- Address issues like Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or combat related injuries that may have resulted in criminal behavior and arrest while ensuring public safety
- Since its inception in 2011:
 - ✓ 100 cases
 - ✓ Trained all T&V Judges and the local bar association

- Re-entry most successful program of its kind in the state, work with parole, social services, business people willing to offer jobs, to help felons integrate back into the community; aren't all cream of the crop, as program got more successful state asked them to pick more challenging guys
- Veteran's program usually lower level cases that appear before Town and Village or City Court judges

INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

- 8,367 Subpoenas Served in the last 12 months
- 18 Murder Trials Scheduled between August 2016 and March 2017.
- Currently there are 21 murders awaiting trial and 17 Active Murder Investigations in Progress With No Arrest
- 5 Police Involved Shootings

INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

Drug Interdiction and Response Team(DIRT)

- Most prolific use of wiretaps outside NYC metropolitan area in long term investigations
- Almost 200 arrests, seized 45 lbs of cocaine and heroin, over 100 lbs of marijuana and hundreds of pounds of synthetic marijuana.
- Much heroin coming into Onondaga from NYC and Northern New Jersey.
- Partner in HIDTA (*High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area*)
- ✓ \$75,000 of federal money targeted for Onondaga County each year for a drug intelligence officer and operational budget

- Homicide rate has effected performance and day to day duties

INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

- Search Warrants - 53
- Wire Taps - 81
- Cocaine Seized – 8 lbs
- Heroin Seized – 5 lbs
- Marijuana Seized – 4 lbs
- Firearms Seized – 23
- Persons Arrested – 100
- Prisoner Transport Requests – 205

CRIMES AGAINST REVENUE PROGRAM

Since 2007:

- 598 cases and uncovered over \$6.7 million in Fraud and Theft, almost half, \$3.2 million, was in Government Fraud
- Onondaga County over \$2 million in welfare fraud
- Recovered \$861,220 for NYS taxpayers
- Year To Date - \$226,022 recovered (\$102,000 in Unemployment Insurance Fraud Restitution)

- Cases aren't simply investigated by police and turned over to DA – all need enhancement
- Reiterated funds recovered are just year to date

SOCIAL SERVICES FRAUD

For 2016:

- 146 Welfare Recipients Disqualified From Receiving Further Benefits
- **Total Targeted Funds to Recoup or Recover: \$1.4 million**
- Total year to date “cost avoidance”: **\$471,804**

Factors That Don't Show Up on Any Budget Line

1. Leadership
2. Saving Local Tax Dollars & Infusing Grant Money into County
3. Necessary Costs Controlled by External Forces
4. Duties & Responsibilities
5. Obligations & Mandates

- Doing much with less; DA's just completed term as president of National DA's Association, very active in state association, great relationship with the DCJS, which infuses grant money

LEADERSHIP

- Continued Leadership Has Been Critical to Increase and Maintain Collaboration & Coordination with Federal, State & Local Law Enforcement
- On their own time, DWI ADA's give a dozen presentations a year to student groups regarding drunk driving.
- Increased Collaboration = Increased Efficiency and Increased Success in Reducing Crime
- Reduction in Crime = Safer Community

Saving Local Tax Dollars

Total Grant Money Infused into Onondaga County in last 11 years:

\$19.8 Million

- State \$17,862,342
- Federal \$1,990,743
- Innovative & Proactive Programs and Initiatives to Reduce Crime
 - ✓ Crimes Against Revenue Project
 - ✓ Re-Entry Task Force
 - ✓ Victim Assistance Program
 - ✓ Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE)
 - ✓ NYPTI Witness Protection Program

- Struggling with homicide and gang violence - have programs, gangs just don't care

2015 GIVE PROGRAM (Formally known as Operation IMPACT)

- The State has replaced Operation IMPACT with the Gun Involved Violence Elimination Project (GIVE).
- Same Collaboration between City, County, State and federal law enforcement with the mission of eliminating gun violence through cooperative, multi-jurisdictional strategies.
- **2016 Give Awards** (includes OCDA, OCSO, OCPD. & Syracuse PD):

TOTAL 2016 GIVE Award:	\$1,150,520
COUNTY Awards:	\$728,020
DA's Office Awards:	\$422,500

But....we experience many costs necessary to the function of our office that are controlled by external forces.

- 2016 GIVE award same as 2015, important as the state reduced the pot, Onondaga County one of the few to receive same funding level – in part due to increased numbers, also likes the way everyone works together

- Expert witness fees
- Specialized forensic testing
- Transcript costs and increase in court reporter fees
- Printing & binding costs
- Court mandates
- Witness travel & lodging
- Witness Protection
- Translation Fees
- Costs for duplication of recordings

Legislative & Office of Court Administration Created Mandates

- Drug Law Reform Act
- Justice Task Force/Innocence Project constant source of legislative change
- OCA Continues to create and maintain numerous and new "Boutique Courts" that **requires staffing with ADAs**
 1. Integrated Domestic Violence Court
 2. Domestic Violence Court
 3. Drug Court
 4. Adolescent Diversion Part
 5. Community Court
 6. Human Trafficking Court
 7. 9 parts in Syracuse City Court

- Every video must be duplicated for defense, i.e. 24 cd's duplicated in murder case tried this summer; thanked Mr. Morgan and his team for recognizing some of these costs reflected in Professional Services

Hurrell-Harring Settlement

- NYCLU Lawsuit against 5 upstate counties, including Onondaga claiming assigned counsel program provides sub-standard and in some cases, ineffective assistance of counsel
- AG settled case on behalf of NYS and this county
- Settlement agreement requires a plan to ensure criminal defendants have representation at all lower court arraignments
- Settlement agreement also requires DA to be present at these justice court arraignments or defendant can be released

Hurrell-Harring Settlement

- Pilot Program of Assigned Counsel at Arraignments in Towns in Eastern End of County.
- The Program Will Expand Throughout the County in 2017.
- This Will Increase the On-Call Duties of ADA's

- Settlement impacts DA's office, on call ADA out all hours of the night as part of pilot program, obligated to have prosecutor at arraignments; reiterated no funds given to the DA's office for compliance with settlement, expansion could be incredibly consequential to the office – 45 town and village courts,

Additional Duties of an ADA (Without Compensation!!)

- Weekend & Holiday Arraignments in City Court
- On-Call Duty
- Town/Village Court Felony Arraignments
- Neighborhood Watch Liasion
- Town & Village Night Court Coverage

Justice Courts

- ADA Staffing After Hours With No Additional Compensation for Time or Mileage
- V&T Dispositions Facilitate Money to Towns and Villages
- Taking ADAs Out of Justice Courts Would Force PD's to Prosecute V&T Cases, Dramatically Increasing Overtime Costs for OCSO and T & V Police Agencies

- Arraignments 365 days per year, no overtime for holidays, nights or weekends, ADA's drive their own vehicles, Neighborhood Watch generally after hours



Thank You

- Between Mr. Morgan's office and legislative support they make the budget work every year, confident they will do the same this year, but reiterated the \$417,000 discrepancy in Total Salaries; will take any questions

Mr. May:

- Asked if there was any idea what the costs could be for the Hurrell-Harring decision

Mr. Trunfio:

- Best hope for state to take over indigent legal services, for clarity game plan from the beginning was to create a statewide public defender system, probably where they are headed in terms of getting rid of assigned counsel programs across the state, best educated guess, first step will be state taking over and paying for indigent legal services; settlement states if prosecutor isn't present judge can release, already told ADA's this comes with the territory, settlement does not include money for court system to run arrangements nor for prosecutors' offices – unfunded state mandate

Mr. May:

- Right down to the local level, towns and villages will bear big costs

Mr. Trunfio:

- Yes, have plan in place, need approval for centralized arrangements downtown – working on it, wasn't the states idea, Office of Court Administration loves the plan, still requires ADA staffing; can't speak highly enough of the Budget department, Mr. Morgan was aware of the case during budget preparation, even before it was settled, knew what might happen, problem is they don't really know the outcome yet, are just in pilot program, come 2017 will be in every town, village and city court

Mr. May:

- In this discussion the word system was used, not department or structure, can't see a system coming together and catching up with the mandates being put down - concerned how they will pay for this

Mr. Kilmartin:

- Two part question: 1) Why the increased rate of homicide, drug overdoses and drug dependent children within Onondaga County as opposed to others, 2) Historically NYC tried to deal with homicide rates and Chicago was criticized for not trying to deal with them - how do they take action to stop these trends

Mr. Trunfio:

- Onondaga County's murder rate 15.3% per 100,000 population, Chicago's 19.6%; many reasons, criminal justice system receptacle for all problems, drug problems eventually become crime problems - lose job and steal, if one grows up in environment where gang members and drug dealers are prominent members of the neighborhood that is what one will grow up to be, part of the problem is Syracuse's high poverty and low graduation rate - education great equalizer, opens up doors and opportunities otherwise not exposed to, constellation of things; raise the age sounds good but top shooter at GIVE meetings are 14-17 year olds, problem can only be solved by a) keeping kids in school and showing them options, b) some type of outside family influence – parents must take some responsibility, plethora of social issues driving this, won't be able to solve today and throwing money at it won't solve it either

Mr. Kilmartin:

- Any police tactics, processes or changes that could be brought about to try to reduce homicides – more prevention than apprehension

Mr. Trunfio:

- Great question, ADA's assigned and imbedded in problem areas working with police – problem is money, SPD down 100 people, having hard time with deployment, doing best with what they have, GIVE patrols helpful, studies how police street presence reduces crime

Mr. Jordan:

- Questioned almost tripling of Other Employee Wages

Mr. Trunfio

- Rather than hiring 2 fulltime investigators are working with Personnel on the problem - process servers serve subpoenas to uncooperative witnesses in very violent neighborhoods, don't have jobs, aren't in school, generally found at night, investigator staff works during the day, sometimes able to free up for a couple for subpoenas; request funds to hire retired police officers, not in the retirement system, certified to carry, have a badge and serve subpoenas off hours; officer safety issue, need to be trained and able to protect themselves; job sharing, pay by the hour as needed

Mr. Jordan:

- Agree with comments – more officers on the streets reduce crime and education is a big part of this, unfortunately one can't make a child learn, community attitude has to change, kids need to be raised to value education rather than the gangbanger dealing drugs, until that happens all the money in the world won't change anything

Mr. Trunfio:

- Agree, then DA's office becomes the receptacle for all those problems

Chairman McMahon:

- Thanked Mr. Trunfio for the sobering briefing, department very efficient, does much with resources they have, should be proud; asked if Mr. Trunfio felt TRUCE program was successful

Mr. Trunfio

- TRUCE and those types of programs across the country see decent initial success but every city that has a program finds it to be short lived and starts seeing increases again; Onondaga County one of the first jurisdictions to do TRUCE, already saw increase, at latest GIVE executive meeting gang shootings were down, starting to go up, non-gang related shootings are skyrocketing; asked analyst to dig down and make sure what they are labeling non-gang related, aren't really gang related - state strong proponent of TRUCE, feels his role is to ensure the numbers are accurate, evaluation of TRUCE over the last couple of years has not been as good as the first few years

Chairman McMahon:

- The systemic problems aren't fixed

Mr. Trunfio:

- Exactly

Chairman McMahon

- Eventually these people have to get a job, stay out of that lifestyle and they don't have the skills; asked if it would be better to invest these funds in buying guns back off the street

Mr. Trunfio:

- Gun buybacks usually aren't successful, to make them relevant must be operable, illegal firearms and that don't provide voucher until the gun has been run through the crime lab to ensure it has not been used in a homicide, good buyback program yields little; today strong possibility every car stopped has a gun, community guns are hide under porches and move from gang member to gang member, scary world for law enforcement, until some fundamental social problems are solved this will be business as usual

Chairman McMahon:

- Asked if there was a way to forecast the size of the Social Services fraud problem, had great success so far, total year to date cost avoidance \$471,804, it's a matter of resources, trying to determine if they should target more resources for that issue

Mr. Trunfio:

- Really started seeing success when working together, DSS investigators picks up on fraud, then reviews file with ADA and forensic auditors to determine if legitimate case can be made - real issue is getting people to pay restitution, judges and probation haven't been great about collection; Post Standard ran expose on restitution – purpose of keeping someone out of jail to be able to work and pay back what they owe, does no good if restitution isn't collected via judge oversight or Probation department

Mr. Morgan:

- Agree, DA and DSS work great; unfortunately not only is it hard to get payment, when they do, most of those recoveries go back to federal and state government – Medicaid and food stamps are paid by state and federal government so recoveries go there, not that it's not the right thing to do, just wanted to make this clear

Mr. Ryan:

- NYSafe Act provision increased penalty for community gun

Mr. Trunfio:

- Community gun is a gun with no owner as far as law enforcement, crime lab examines projectiles and contributes them to a gun, even for unsolved cases - law enforcement sensitive, wishes he could give them an idea, GIVE meetings have a list of guns they don't have but know cases they are involved in and know they go from persons to person because intelligence has various shooters for different cases; in order to prove any case need operable gun, or some proof that it was operable, and need to link it to a shooter, sometimes done with DNA, sometimes latent prints or caught on them; a gun can solve many crimes – same penalties, just able to link it to a person they can prosecute

Mr. Ryan:

- Asked if anyone was prosecuted under the new NYSafe ACT penal code increasing class D felony to class B

Mr. Trunfio:

- Yes, as long as they have proof that connects them and it is an operable gun

Chair Knapp:

- Knew going in this would be tough year for Professional Services - how are they doing year to date, will they be able stay within budget

Mr. Weiss:

- Should be, but have growing trend of defense attorneys trying to get forensic psychiatrist to testify, which means they are – limited number of forensic psychiatrist in this region, starting to charge exorbitant fees, seeing effect on Professional Services, don't know what will come in tomorrow

Chair Knapp:

- Obviously, don't have much control over that

Mr. Trunfio:

- Would like to close on this note - lost 3 very good ADA's in September, appreciates all their comments, proud of the DA's office too, know they are highly regarded in NYS and DA Fitzpatrick is a leader - interviewed two people for ADA positions, one from Washington, DC and one from another part of the state, asked them why Syracuse, in separate interviews both said "Your office has a tremendous reputation in professionalism, training attorneys and ethical pursuit of justice", made him feel good, tells him they are doing something right; with Legislators' and County Executive's support they will continue to fight, everyday to pursue justice and holding people accountable – doesn't necessarily mean sending them to prison or local jail, means the best disposition for everyone in the case

Chair Knapp:

- Thank you

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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