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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REVIEW OF THE 2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE DEPARTMENTS (CONT'D) - SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 DAVID H. KNAPP, CHAIRMAN

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Kilmartin, Ms. Williams

ALSO ATTENDING: Chairman McMahon, Dr. Chase, Mr. Liedka, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Holmquist, Ms. Cody; also see attached.

Chair Knapp called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m.

PROBATION, pg. 4-67: Andrew Sicherman, Commissioner; Philip Galuppi, Deputy Commissioner; Robert Cleghorn, Account 2, Finance

Mr. Sicherman introduced Mr. Galuppi and Mr. Cleghorn and presented the following:

Good afternoon and thank you for the opportunity to present the Onondaga County Probation Department's 2018 budget.

At the end of 2016, the Probation Department had 4,500 individuals under supervision. These cases come from all of the various Courts throughout the County, with offenses ranging from Petit Larceny to firearm possession. In addition to criminal court supervision, we provide adjustment and supervision services for children ages seven to fifteen.

The Probation Department is also responsible for completing all of the presentence reports and social investigations for all of the courts within the County, regardless of the level of offense or proposed disposition.

Matching an offender's needs and risk to recidivate with a supervision plan is key to community safety and client success. We conduct an extensive risk and needs assessment and create a case plan for every case. The case plan includes input from the client and is updated throughout supervision. As client's progress through the supervision process, they are reassessed and their supervision level is adjusted if indicated. Probationers found to be at a high risk to reoffend receive the highest level of supervision. This includes at least six in-person contacts per month, one of which must be a positive home visit.

Within the Department we have several specialized units including:

Sex Offenders and those convicted a of a domestic violence related offenses: Currently, we supervise 174 registered sex offenders. In my remarks last year, I mentioned that we were sending a Probation Officer for training in the forensic analysis of cell phones and computers. This training has been completed and we are currently utilizing this important technology.

DWI: Driving While Intoxicated continues to be one of our largest supervision categories, with over 500 probationers. In addition to unannounced home visits, bar checks and drug and alcohol testing, we also utilize SCRAM or secure continuous remote alcohol monitoring. The SCRAM unit is an anklet that monitors a person's alcohol level transdermally. In addition, we have recently begun using a remote breath unit.

- Offender receives text, directs them to provide a breath sample, which is then transmitted to the officer for review

Should a violation of probation become necessary, the department has several effective alternatives to incarceration programs. Our Electronic Home Confinement program allows for the remote monitoring of offenders, notifying the supervising officer if an offender leaves his residence, outside a prearranged schedule. We have recently added a small number of GPS anklets as a part of our participation in the GIVE initiative.

Our Alternative to Incarceration Program or ATIP seeks to assist those clients who suffer from a substance abuse and/or mental health problem and who have failed to comply with the conditions of their probation

- Significant increase in the number of people suffering with mental illness sentenced to probation

. We partner with a local treatment agency to provide assessment and case management for up to 205 clients annually. It should be noted that these are individuals who were in jail and would have otherwise been sentenced to a period of incarceration.

Consistently, the most challenging part of our work is getting offenders to change their behavior. I mentioned last year about our use of Thinking For a Change, a cognitive behavioral program that seeks to help a person make better decisions. I am pleased to announce that we have added a second CBT called Moral Reconation Therapy or MRT. Both Thinking For a Change and MRT are considered "Best Practice" within the area of cognitive programs. These programs are taught by specially trained Probation Officers and groups are conducted within the Probation Department.

I would like to take a moment to highlight a few items. The first is a recent change to a process within our Juvenile Justice Unit. With the help of our criminal justice partners, we changed the appearance ticket process for youth 7 to 15 by significantly shortening the amount of time between an arrest and the youth's appearance before a Probation Officer. This change allows us to begin monitoring and delivering services almost immediately.

The second item involves an event that we participated in earlier this year and one that I hope to replicate annually. In April of this year several Probation Department employees and approximately twenty probationers participated in an Earth Day clean-up event. The event allowed probationers and P.O.'s to work hand in hand in a project to better our neighborhoods and allowed the probationers and staff a chance to interact outside their normal roles.

We recognize the fiscal challenges facing the County and we have worked with Management and Budget to make cuts where possible. With the exception of a slight increase in salaries due to wage increases and the previously mentioned reductions, our budget remains relatively unchanged from 2017.

Lastly, I would like to thank my staff for their hard work and dedication and I would be happy to answer any questions. Thank You.

Mr. Jordan:

- **Where does revenue show up for collecting restitution as part of a criminal case;** other misc. revenue \$0 **(pg. 4-66, Line A590057)**

Mr. Sicherman:

- Believe it goes into the general fund

Ms. Venditti:

- Will find out exactly where it goes, not budgeted in their revenue line

Mr. May:

- Contractual expenses down **(pg.4-66, Line A695700)**

Mr. Cleghorn:

- Based on contract being \$2,000 less

Mr. May:

- Down \$22,000

Mr. Galuppi:

- Underspent for two previous years

Mr. May

- Budget flat year to year; where and when does your department engage with someone being released; Sheriff's department proposing a new position to transition inmates from the Justice Center and/or Jamesville into the world, do you see a void in the process

Mr. Sicherman:

- Reentry is the term used for transitioning; there is no transition, people sentenced to probation aren't detained, meet with us within 5 days of being sentenced to probation, unless they receive a split sentence, i.e. 6 months of incarceration followed by 5 years' probation, then we do transition work while they are incarcerated

- Very important part of criminal justice work, whether part of Parole, Probation or straight sentence; no post sentence supervision for straight sentence

Mr. May asked to be provided a list of bullets that explain the main drivers of this budget with respect to interdepartmentals. Ms. Venditti will provide a breakdown of the major interdepartmental costs.

Mr. Cleghorn:

- In answer to the contractual question - the 2017 adopted was \$450,000 (**pg.4-66, Line A695700**), 2017 modified increased because 2016 encumbrances' were added, really only a \$2,000 drop

Mr. Jordan:

- 22 vacant unfunded positions and 3 vacant funded positions, what are the intentions

Mr. Sicherman:

- Hard to say we need the 22 unfunded positions, 3 funded positions need to stay so that we are able to fill if things change

Mr. Jordan:

- No immediate intention to fill but you want to leave them open

Mr. Galuppi:

- Typist funded position was just filled, other 2 positions are probation officer that are going to salary save

Chairman Knapp:

- Thanks for all you do, you do a lot and really know how to stretch a dollar, we appreciate it

Mr. Sicherman:

- Thank you

Chairman Knapp:

- How are you looking for the year?

Mr. Sicherman:

- In good shape, Mr. Galuppi very good at watching the lines, meet regularly to discuss

Chairman Knapp asked Ms. Venditti to provide a list of their contracts.

Chairman Knapp

- \$25,300 decrease in Stop DWI funds

Ms. Venditti:

- Direct reflection of revenues Stop DWI assumes they will collect

Chairman Knapp:

- They get a portion of the fines

Ms. Venditti:

- Yes to support their operations

Chairman Knapp:

- DWI is down, that's good news

Chairman Knapp:

- How do you see NYS Raise the Age initiative impacting you?

Mr. Sicherman:

- First part of Raise the Age doesn't take place until October 2018, getting through the last quarter of 18 will not be an issue, assured by the state that costs associated with Probation services, juvenile intake for formerly adult supervision, will be 100% covered, attended more than enough Raise the Age meetings, Onondaga County in better position than many others, which is a testament to the folks that work here; say they will provide 100% funding but are still working out where it's going to come from and how it's going to be paid

Chairman Knapp:

- Does your office handle probation needs currently for 16 and 17 year olds?

Mr. Sicherman:

- Yes and will continue, unless detained in Hillbrook, which is under the Office of Children and Family Services

Chairman Knapp:

- Potentially your book could decrease, need to see what the state decides to do

Mr. Sicherman:

- To be clear, when we talk about the Office of Children and Family Services, we are only talking about when that person is detained, when they receive intake services and/or probation supervision through Family Court it would still be under our supervision; will see a significant increase

Chairman Knapp:

- Are funds in this budget for the Jail Ministry program?

Ms. Venditti:

- Yes, same amount, \$25,000; will be in the contract list

Chairman Knapp:

- Wanted to make sure it was in there before it was too late; do you work with Keith Cieplicki

Mr. Sicherman:

- Absolutely, receives monthly reports on the number of bails they have post, good program, helps people get out of the jail that could not otherwise afford to post bail; keeps in touch on a regular basis

Chairman McMahon:

- Apologize for being a little late; you are the best deterrent to bad behavior when working at the Valley Field Days and other areas, people don't want to cross the Probation department – thank you for all you do

Mr. Sicherman:

- Thank you for the recognition, means a lot, will pass it onto my staff as well

Chairman McMahon:

- Please do

Chairman Knapp:

- Thank you for your presentation.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS, pg. 4-26, 4-16: William Bleyle, Commissioner; Carl Loerzel, Deputy Commissioner; Megan Murphy, Budget Analyst 3, Finance

Ms. Rooney:

- County Executive's proposal includes combining these departments to create a Department of Emergency Services, appreciate giving both departments the opportunity to present, didn't want to assume the departments would be combined, provides opportunity to ask questions
- Combining makes sense for many of the same reasons other areas were combined, creates a better footprint for all Onondaga County citizens, E-911 and Emergency Management work is interrelated, creates a tremendous plan going forward; similar to Human Services reorganization, first year everything is just on paper
- Hopeful to create a facility able to house everyone as Sheriff Conway said in his presentation, to include things like the Department of Emergency Services

Mr. Bleyle introduced his team and presented the following:

2018 ANNUAL BUDGET

Ways & Means Committee Report

DEPARTMENT of EMERGENCY SERVICES
Division of Emergency Communications (E911)

JOANNE M. MAHONEY, COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WILLIAM R. BLEYLE, COMMISSIONER



"The mission of the Onondaga County Department of Emergency Services' Division 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."

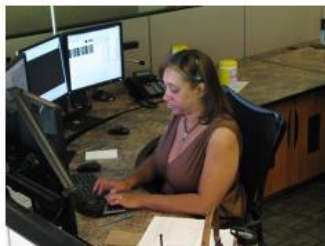


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E911 DIVISION MISSION STATEMENT



E911 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW: Key Accomplishments & Budget Projections



2017 E911 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Answering 91.7% of all 9-1-1 calls within 10-seconds or less (NYS Law & industry standards require 90%) and 96.5% of all 9-1-1 calls within 20 seconds (Industry standard is 95.0%).
- Responded to 381 "Text-to-911" messages. Of those messages, 155 (40.7%) resulted in the dispatch of a public safety agency.
- Dispatched emergency calls for service to 94 primary police, fire, and emergency medical service agencies and 10 secondary public safety agencies.



E911 2017 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2017 E911 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Published an updated GIS map set for public safety first responders that includes new streets, building footprints, and 911 street addresses for the Onondaga Nation territory.
- Received meritorious public safety communications reaccreditation from CALEA/APCO. Onondaga E911 is one of only two nationally accredited communications centers in New York State.
- Continue to work with the Central New York Interoperable Communications Consortium (CNYICC) to identify opportunities to share services while improving services and regional communications interoperability.



E911 2017 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 522,403 emergency calls received last year, approximately 70% were wireless – take longer to process due to location verification challenges, continue to increase, received 837 calls from non-English speaking persons, required interpreter services for 28 different languages; one of the first 911 centers in the area to accept text-to-911 messages, many of the text received were from hearing and speech impaired individuals, increases their mobile access to emergency services; dispatched 499,266 emergency calls
- 911 street addresses for Onondaga Nation lacking for many years, could inhibit response; March 2017 received reaccreditation, 3rd largest communication center in NYS

2017 E911 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Received a high rating from the Insurance Services Organization (ISO). This high rating benefits served fire departments and residents through lower fire insurance premiums.
- Completed replacement of the E911 Center's HVAC system.
- Began a project to rehabilitate the Common User Microwave Radio System (CUMRS) to MPLS to allow for increased utilization and to bring it up to date with current and future requirements of the trunked land mobile radio (TLMR) system and NYS DHSES guidelines requiring greater information sharing between the state's 911 centers. Secured \$1,404,362 in funding for the project through a NYS DHSES grant.



E911 2017 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2017 E911 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Provided certification training for E911 Communications Training Officers.
- Worked collaboratively with the Chief of the Onondaga Nation Fire Department and the United States Postal Service to assign addresses to residences and businesses on the Onondaga Nation territory.
- Entered into an agreement with Oneida County to share the E911 Master Site providing additional cost savings for all five CNYICC (Central New York Interoperable Communications Consortium) shared master site counties.



E911 2017 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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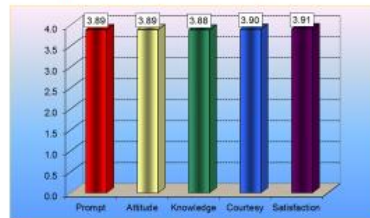
- Began working with a mobile data communications network (MDCN) consultant to finalize options for replacing the current 800 MHz Data Radio mobile data system that will be at end of life in 2017.
- Active participant in the FirstNet NYS Public Safety Broadband Plan review.
- Worked to educate the public and public safety agencies regarding the Area Code 680 overlay and the 10-digit dialing requirement/associated issues.



E911 2017 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2017 E911 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Customer Satisfaction Surveys are mailed out to residents who call E911 for service.



- Our public safety communications professionals continue to receive high ratings on speed of answer, attitude, knowledge, courtesy, and customer satisfaction.



E911 2017 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

E911 CALL TAKING STATISTICS

- In 2016 the Department of Emergency Communications received 522,403 9-1-1 and 7-digit emergency calls.
- Wireless calls account for approximately 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 requirements/standards.
- Received 381 "Text-to-911" messages. Of those messages, 155 (40.7%) resulted in the dispatch of a public safety agency.
- Received 837 calls from non-English speaking persons requiring interpreter services. Those callers spoke 28 different languages.



E911 CALL TAKING STATISTICS

2017 E911 BUDGET PROJECTIONS

- A641010, A641020, and A641030 Personnel Accounts**
Projecting 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, training, and retirements.
- All Other Accounts**
Current projections indicate that we will stay within the confines of the 2017 Budget. This could change based upon major catastrophes, unusual incidents, storms, lightning strikes, unplanned repairs, etc.



E911 2017 BUDGET PROJECTIONS

EMERGENCY SERVICES E911 DIVISION 2018 BUDGET



2018 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Enhance Onondaga County's ability to protect life and preserve property through a synergistic partnership between the departments of Emergency Communications and Emergency Management. The Onondaga County Department of Emergency Services, with its' divisions of Emergency Communications and Emergency Management, will improve situational awareness and lead to a more comprehensive and well-coordinated response to emergency situations and disasters.



2018 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

2018 E911 DIVISION 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.
- 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.
- Begin phased replacement of the mobile data communications network (MDCN).



E911 DIVISION 2018 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

2018 E911 DIVISION 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 organizations to seek backbone support and funding streams to support a transition to NG911, expected to be mandated by the end of 2020.
- Full year implementation of NYS Tax Law 186-g allowing for the collection of surcharge fees on prepaid wireless devices. Anticipated revenues over time should offset revenue decreases due to a migration away from landline phones and a migration from postpaid wireless devices.



E911 DIVISION 2018 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- ASAP allows CAD to CAD communication between the CAD systems of alarm companies and the 911 center, bypasses the need to make phone calls, takes time to implement, some aren't ready yet

2018 E911 DIVISION STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Review findings of E911 building engineering study and develop recommendations necessary to sustain reliable, efficient and effective public safety communications for the next 25 years.
- Study will make recommendations regarding the future of the adjacent former Hillbrook facility.



E911 DIVISION 2018 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

2018 E911 BUDGET APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

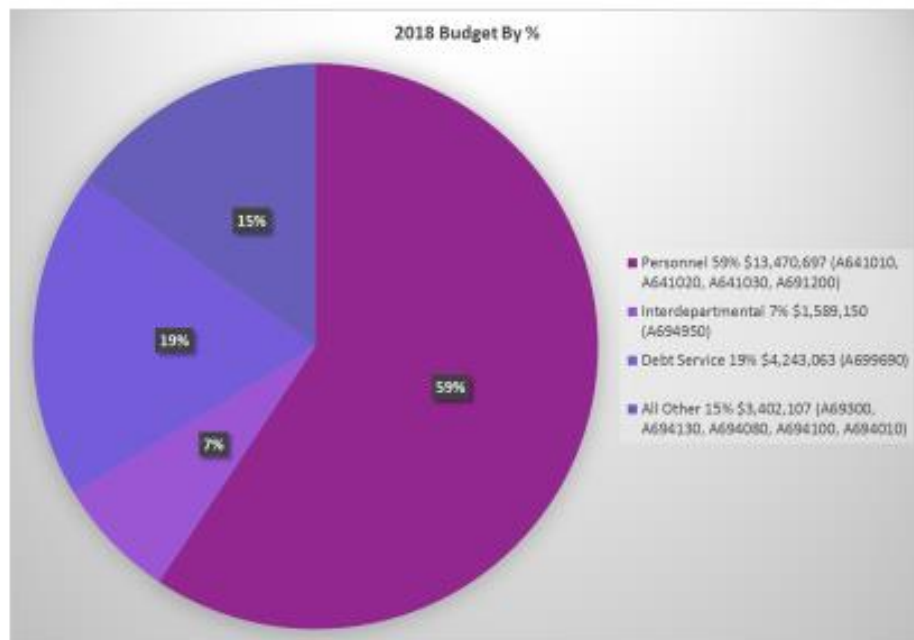
APPROPRIATIONS - 2017 ADOPTED vs. 2018 EXECUTIVE

CODE	ITEM	2017 ADOPTED	2018 EXECUTIVE	% CHANGE
A641010	SALARY & WAGES	\$7,579,402	\$8,046,836	6.2%
A641020	OVERTIME & HOLIDAY PAY	\$1,032,950	\$1,032,950	0.0%
A641030	OTHER EMPLOYEE WAGES	\$50,000	\$60,000	20.0%
A691200	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$4,452,663	\$4,330,911	-2.7%
A693000	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$56,158	\$55,808	-0.6%
A694010	TRAVEL/TRAINING	\$23,500	\$26,463	12.6%
A694080	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$13,000	\$8,900	-31.5%
A694100	ALL OTHER EXPENSES	\$70,109	\$68,383	-2.5%
A694130	MAINTENANCE, UTILITIES, & RENTS	\$3,251,640	\$3,242,553	-0.3%
A694950	INTERDEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	\$1,301,448	\$1,589,150	22.1%
A699690	TRANSFER TO DEBT SERVICE	\$4,477,300	\$4,243,063	-5.2%
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$22,308,170	\$22,705,017	1.8%



E911 DIVISION 2018 BUDGET - APPROPRIATIONS

- Number 1 increase factor is salary and wages, result of CSEA contractual increases and back wages for the past 3 years that were not included in our original budget, \$3,000 increase in travel due to CSEA contractual increase in meal allowance paid to held over employees, another significant increase for interdepartmental charges, all other accounts decreased



2018 E911 DIVISION BUDGET BREAKDOWN

2018 E911 APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS OF NOTE

- **A641010 Regular Salaries, A641020 Overtime, and A641030 Temporary Wages (+6.2%)**
These account codes are increased to reflect CSEA wage increase of 2% for 2018, and the 2% increases for 2016 and 2017 that were not included in the 2017 budget.
- **A691200 Employee Benefits (-2.7%)**
This account code is decreased by \$121,752.
- **A699690 Transfer to Debt Service (-5.2%)**
This account code is decreased by \$234,237.



2018 E911 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS – APPROPRIATIONS

2018 E911 DIVISION REVENUE ACCOUNTS OF NOTE

- **A590005 Non-Real Property Tax Items**
There is an increase of \$24,690 in this account code. This account contains revenue from the surcharge on land line telephones and wireless devices. With a migration to wireless services there has been a reduction in land lines and a corresponding decrease in land line surcharge revenues as well as a reduction in wireless surcharges as more subscribers moved to prepaid devices. In 2017, the Legislature approved a NYS Tax Law surcharge on prepaid wireless phones which accounts for the slight increase (\$24,690) in projected surcharge revenue.



E911 DIV. 2018 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS - REVENUE

- **A590051 Real Property Rental/Lease to Individuals**
There is an increase of \$8,106 in this account code due to scheduled lease payments to E911. We continue to explore opportunities for additional revenue from tower leases while being mindful to ensure that a lessee's equipment will not have a negative impact on critical public safety communications systems.

- Anticipate wireless surcharge revenues to increase .9%, will know more as money starts being collected, many variables in how the finances will be collected for prepaid devices

2018 BUDGET SUMMARY

2017 ADOPTED vs. 2018 EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS

ITEM	2017 ADOPTED	2018 EXECUTIVE	% CHANGE
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$22,308,170	\$22,705,017	1.8%

2017 ADOPTED vs. 2018 EXECUTIVE REVENUE

CODE	ITEM	2017 ADOPTED	2018 EXECUTIVE	% CHANGE
A590005	NON REAL PROPERTY TAX ITEMS	\$3,253,000	\$3,277,690	0.8%
A590042	SERVICE OTHER GOVTS- PUBLIC SAFETY	\$251,110	\$251,110	0.0%
A590051	REAL PROPERTY RENTAL/LEASE TO INDIVID	\$108,005	\$116,111	7.5%
A590056	MINOR SALES OTHER	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.0%
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,614,115	\$3,646,911	0.9%

2017 ADOPTED vs. 2018 EXECUTIVE LOCAL DOLLARS

ITEM	2017 ADOPTED	2018 EXECUTIVE	% CHANGE
LOCAL DOLLARS	\$18,694,055	\$19,058,106	1.9%



E911 2018 BUDGET – REVENUE & LOCAL DOLLARS

2018 – 2023 E911 DIVISION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN



E911 DIVISION 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.



E911 DIV. LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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- **Radio System Continuity of Operations**
 - ❑ OCICS trunked land mobile radio (TLMR) network currently supports 161 public safety and public service agencies with more than 8,500 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."
 - ❑ In 2018 the E911 Division intends to seek NYS DHSES OIEC funding to add a backup prime site at a remote tower site.
- **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.
 - ❑ The E911 Division is carefully following the FirstNet national public safety broadband network initiative and has engaged a consultant who has recommended a move to a wireless broadband system. E911 will seek funding for this project in early 2018.

**E911 DIVISION LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

E911 DIV. LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- **Preparing E911 for the Next 25 Years**
 - ❑ The main E911 Center building turned 26 years old in 2017.
 - ❑ There are problems with the windows (leak and frost over), electrical system (maxed out, aged transformers), lack of technical services workspace, lack of storage, undersized training room, limited restrooms, security inadequacies, and a shortage of office space.
 - ❑ A building study was completed by an engineering firm and recommendations are expected soon.
- **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.



- Original estimate for MDCN replacement \$6.5 million, expect that to decrease significantly, study conducted by Winbourne Communications offered less expensive options that are being considered

E911 DIVISION LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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- **Auxiliary Power System Replacement**
 - ❑ Onondaga E911 is one of the largest public safety communications centers in the northeast. Too big to fail, reliable AC power is essential.
 - ❑ Current underground power feeds and transformer are 26 years old as is the generator and transfer switch. The capacity of the UPS must be increased to accommodate the growth in electronic systems.
 - ❑ E911 plans to update the auxiliary power systems in 2019.
- **Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) System Refresh**
 - ❑ The current CAD system was installed in 2013. CAD must function reliably 24/7.
 - ❑ Hardware (workstations and servers) will be six years old in 2019 and must be replaced and software refreshed.
- **Ariel Oblique Imagery Refresh**
 - ❑ Ariel imagery used to locate emergencies was captured in 2014 and will need to be refreshed in 2019 to maintain accuracy.
 - ❑ E911 shares this imagery with the SOCPA and other County departments, the city of Syracuse, public safety agencies, towns, and villages.

**E911 DIVISION LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

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- **Repave E911 Center Parking Lot**
 - ❑ The Main E911 Center parking lot will be 28 years old in 2019 and has fallen into disrepair. Parking lot must be repaved to ensure the safety of E911 employees and visitors.
 - ❑ Approximately 43,082 square feet of the existing lot will be repaved and an additional 1,027 square feet of parking will be added to accommodate snow plowing and parking shrinkage during the winter months.

**E911 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2018-2023**

YEAR	PROJECT NAME	ESTIMATED COST	TOTAL FOR YEAR
2018	Replace Mobile Data Communications Network	\$6,467,000	\$8,770,000
	Trunked Land Mobile Radio Network Backup Site	\$1,964,000	
	Public Safety Tower Replacement	\$339,000	
2019	Auxiliary Power System Replacement	\$622,000	\$2,392,000
	Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System Hardware	784,000	
	Public Safety Tower Replacement	265,000	
	Repave Parking Lot at E911 Center	327,000	
	Oblique Aerial Digital Imagery Refresh	\$394,000	
2020	Next Generation 911 (NG-911) Telephone System (Consultant)	\$212,000	\$212,000
2021	Next Generation 911 (NG-911) Telephone System	\$3,447,000	\$3,447,000
2022	No Projects Planned at this Time	\$0	\$0
2023	Tower Site Shelter Rehab	\$1,091,000	\$1,091,000

E911 DIVISION 2018 BUDGET CIP 2018-2023



- Thank all those in our department for the hard work they do 24/7 365 to keep residents and public safety people safe and thank all of you for your past and future support

Chairman McMahon:

- Oswego County legislator seemed to have interest in shared 911 opportunities, have we had those conversations, is that even a possibility within our infrastructure

Chairman Knapp:

- Didn't we do a study on that

Mr. Bleyle:

- Recently a Department of State sponsored local government efficiency grant looked at increasing shared services, found much of what we are doing at the consortium level is very effective, recommended things like getting together on the same hardware platforms that would eventually lay the foundation for potential consolidation, the actual topic of merging centers was not delved into deeply
- Open to having discussion with other counties, met with some in the past, Oswego County discussions were going on but they recently changed leadership at the 911 center, have new director; always willing to have those discussions, if it can improve service and save money for our residents and the other county, must consider startup costs, i.e. backup site very tight, don't think we could accommodate another county, and long-term operational costs, unsure it would save money

Chairman McMahon:

- Make sense to have that dialogue with some of the smaller surrounding counties who will need similar capital improvements; we are looking at \$8 million in potential capital requests this year, large numbers for any county, let alone Madison, Cortland or Oswego

Mr. Bleyle:

- Absolutely, due to mandates, rapid changes in public communication, and the expectation that 911 keeps pace, can only see the cost of 911 rapidly increasing; other counties starting to see that more so, don't have the tax basis but don't have the size we have, whether or not it can be done remains to be seen, there are ongoing discussions, expect it will be seriously looked at in the near future

Chairman McMahon:

- Thank you; saving merger questions until after the next presentation

Mr. May:

- What is the all in cost for the roof repairs and HVAC

Mr. Bleyle:

- HVAC about \$1.2 million, about \$1.5 million for both

Mr. May:

- Also have paving in the hopper, is that for 2018

Mr. Bleyle:

- It's for 2019; paving rough estimate \$394 (**CIP pg. 54**)

Chairman Knapp:

- Mr. Jordan had to step out, asked that I ask a couple questions:
1) Are you adding a new position, if so, what is it?

Mr. Bleyle:

- Accountant 2 passed away, adding Administrative Assistant to carry the duties that the account did, and with the move toward centralizing the budget process the accounting work will go downtown; unfunding the Accountant 2

Chairman Knapp:

- 2) 17 vacant unfunded and 8 vacant funded positions, any plans for filling the vacant funded

Mr. Loerzel:

- Yes, constant plan for filling positions, only able to train 6 people at a time, current class started in September, plan to hire 6 in January and will see where we are after that, already have planned retirements: 1 end of October, 1 in December and lost 1 in September, potential for more, have another next year and potential for several in 2019, trying to keep pace, will now be filling those lost last year; usually have classes back to back

Mr. Bleyle:

- Training room is also used for other training programs, only able to fill with classes two or three times per year; overtime high for 2017, often paying overtime to fill those spots while training, pay someone start time to train and at the same time filling a spot with overtime, those positions are very valuable, attempt to fill as quickly as possible and use part time to supplement wherever we can

Chairman Knapp:

- How do you provide translation services quickly, especially with 28 different languages

Mr. Bleye:






- It's a challenge, use a commercial service that is used by almost all the 911 centers and other agencies in county government, people trained in doing a quick spot identification of the language, they identify the language for us and automatically connect them with an interpreter, dispatch public safety to location right away if person says police or fire, at the same time make calls to the language service to get additional details to pass on to first responders

Chairman Knapp:

- Thank you.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, pg. 4-32, 4-16: Daniel Wears, Commissioner; Diane Corsaro, Admin Officer Law, Finance


Mr. Wears introduced Ms. Corsaro and presented the following:

<p style="text-align: center;">2018 BUDGET PRESENTATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>JOANNE M. MAHONEY, COUNTY EXECUTIVE DANIEL H. WEARS, COMMISSIONER</small></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Emergency Management</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Partner with stakeholders to promote life safety and preservation of property through a progressive cycle of emergency and disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>	<p>MISSION STATEMENT</p>
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- Thank you for the opportunity to provide a quick update on our department, this opportunity forces me to pause, take reflection on where we have been and where I see our vision as we move forward, another busy year for our department, often spend most of our time in what we consider the preparedness cycle, which often means we don't see immediate results, this year saw all the work done over the years paid off exponentially in our response to a number of incidents, whether full blown response or partial response as a contingency
- First responders respond to most incidents in this county and do a great job, we become involved, as those incidents expand, to support the authorities having jurisdiction

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



DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

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




DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

2017 – YEAR IN REVIEW

- Couldn't do what we do without our partners, important to recognize all of them, whether first response or support agencies, they are critical to what we do and to carry out the programs before you

2017- Year in Review

- Established an employee emergency communications and notification system.
- Coordinated financial recovery efforts for an incident resulting in a request for a Presidential disaster declaration with estimated damage reaching \$6 million
- Improved our preparedness and readiness to respond through enhanced training and exercising of equipment for all department staff.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

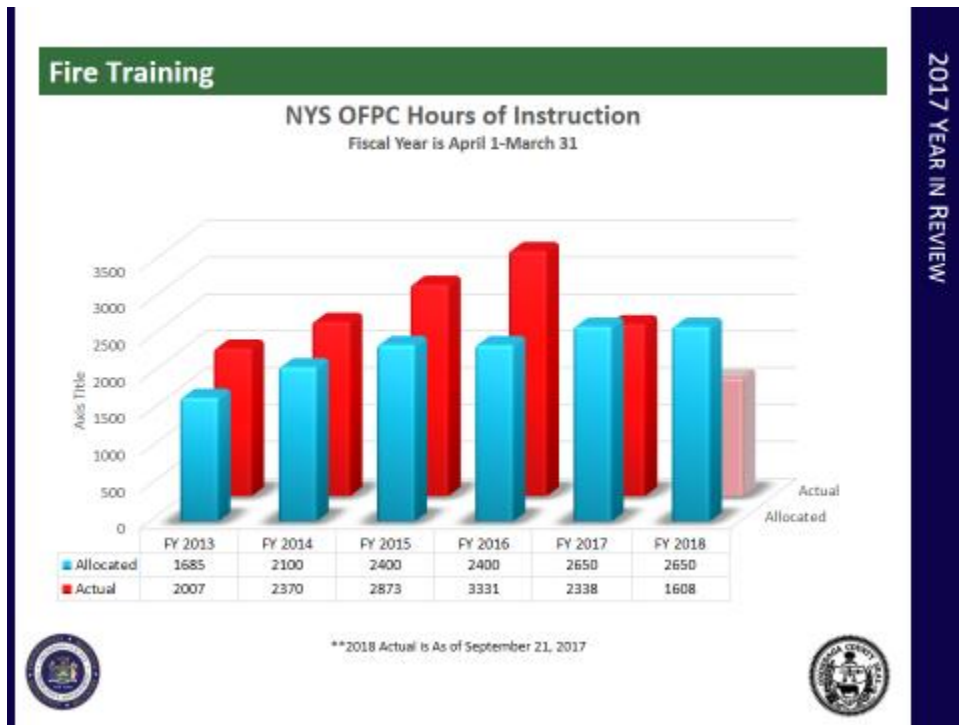
2017- Year in Review

- Support partners with special event planning and support, including deployment of the department's mobile command vehicle, other assets and staffing incident command posts.
- Continued to develop an Onondaga County animal response team.
- Continued to expand our Human Needs Task Force and enhance related planning efforts.
- Activated the Emergency Operations Center in support of the March snowstorm and the downtown power outage.
- Currently, supporting efforts related to the blue-green algae bloom in Skaneateles Lake.
- Will establish an Onondaga County Emergency Preparedness Committee to focus on County level planning efforts.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- After March snowstorms realized we needed a way to communicate with employees faster, to date 1026 employees enrolled in the notification system, 33% of the employees on the roster, system will be used for any immediate dangerous situation to county government buildings or if county government is interrupted, as we saw in March, went to essential services only
- July 1 rainstorms impacted southern part of the County, damages for one town more than 2 times their annual operating budget, much effort put into working with the state and FEMA to make sure they saw the damage firsthand and to make the request to the president
- Much improved preparedness can be tied back to the last years request to pay Deputy Coordinators an hourly rate for the work they do, opportunity to exercise and train with our equipment more than ever before as a department, allows deputies to be more familiar with equipment not regularly used
- Important to work large special events, i.e. NYS Fair, helps them be prepared if something happens; typically aren't called into service during those events but work with them ahead of time to make sure they have all the public resources necessary for the event
- Animal response team continues to progress, regional team, no other team like it in the area, very little cost to the County, much of the cost is under grant budgets, insurance and other things covered by the state as part of Agriculture and Markets; initially large animal response, expanded to include small animal rescue and sheltering, can shelter animals with homeowners in nearby facility
- Rely on partners most to expand the Human Needs Task Force
- Emergency Operations Center activated as contingency, very cold day with below zero wind-chill that night, took precautions in case National Grid was unable to get the power on, rely on Red Cross and other partners for support

- Supporting blue-green algae bloom in Skaneateles Lake on contingency level in case things are unstable, i.e. how would we distribute water to impacted citizens; great response from relationships built and maintained over the years, had 45,000 bottles of water ready to be delivered within a few hours of our first phone calls to a key partners, able to sustain on a daily basis for an extended period of time
- Not on the slide but worth mentioning – rewrote the evacuation plan for the Civic Center and County Office Building, merged them together as we merged the alarm panel in coordination with other departments, better for safety and security of the staff, better able to secure the buildings which are interconnected
- Next month kicking off Onondaga County Emergency Preparedness Committee, a lot of departments do great work in preparedness and response efforts, committee aimed at coordinating those efforts to insure we are working together as we prepare for a large-scale emergency or disaster in the county



- Coordinate NYS Office of Fire Prevention Control instruction, slight dip in the number of hours teaching first responders last year, can be attributed to a few things: state starting to enforce minimum enrollment, requires us to cancel more classes, those hours aren't represented even though we may have scheduled those classes and done all the administrative work that goes along with it, also short state fire instructors that are state employees and teach here, recently just returned to full allotment, also the state more stringent in keeping us to our allocation, previously consistently exceeded allocation of hours; even at low number of 2,338 instructor hours with average class of 10 it is about 24,000 hours of contact with students – a big number in what we do

2018 Budget and Priorities

- \$200,000 reduction to local appropriation.
- Work to implement the consolidation of the Departments of Emergency Management and Emergency Communications into the Department of Emergency Services
- Continued emphasis on County government disaster preparedness and response planning.
- Conduct a training and exercise plan for the County's Emergency Operations Center.

- Reduction attributed to unfunding the Director of Security position, significant interdepartmental charge changes done by Management and Budget; 3 large scale priorities moving forward to 2018 as listed above

Chairman McMahon:

- Thank you for your presentation; referenced application for disaster relief, how does that break out as far as public infrastructure damages, what towns and villages have claims

Mr. Wears:

- Primarily the towns in the south, information gathering process at this point, no actual claims, if the president declares the disaster then there will be formal applications for anyone impacted; large numbers were LaFayette, Otisco, Spafford, Pompey, Fabius, and Manlius had some smaller damages, largest was the Town of Spafford with engineering estimates of about \$2.9 million for their town roads

Chairman McMahon:

- Did the County have any damages?

Mr. Wears:

- Yes, around \$300,000 in road repairs; that will all change, even if they haven't put their information in at this point, they can apply for funding once the declaration is made, had to prove about \$1.7 million dollars in damages for our county, exceeded that but continue to document so that it goes toward the states total to be declared a disaster

Chairman McMahon:

- We are quarterbacking this process

Mr. Wears:

- We will be the lead agency for coordination, the towns will be responsible for providing their documentation for damages and repair costs; reimbursable - can't wait to make repairs hoping for declaration, snow storm declaration took at least 4 months, now probably take longer with all the hurricanes

Chairman McMahon:

- Recently the Sheriff and Executive side advanced the potential merger for management of Corrections and the Public Safety Building under the Sheriff, which will be a referendum – part of that narrative is we are the only remaining county that does business the old way, there is potential savings via management of the beds within each facility and what not; voters will decide what path will go forward, talk about this move, is there dollar savings – understand the titles and possibly housing public safety entities in one public safety type building but help me understand where the potential savings will be, the greater efficiencies, and as important, the timing; currently talking about dollars and cents and looking at every other department in county government, to make a decision like this under this time table, raises red flags

Ms. Rooney:

- More like the 2013 Human Services reorg, intent not around saving money but having a better delivery of services, had discussions with Mr. Millea previous to me supervising these departments, much synergy in these departments working together, many counties in NY, and across the country, have an alignment like a Department of Emergency Services, i.e. Mr. Wears and his team are out managing an emergency, how we communicate that is part and parcel to whatever is going on, working together will provide better service, think we'll see savings going forward and opportunities for grants that we might not be able to avail ourselves of today; Mr. Bleyle described the technology, many technology users are people in Mr. Wears world, all the first responders, bringing them together, under one roof, makes a lot of sense going forward but right now the intent is not for dollar savings, it is for service delivery

Chairman McMahon:

- Why now

Ms. Rooney:

- Just became why not now; accomplished a great deal on the Human Services side, fairly stable, moving forward; not related to the Sheriff and Corrections, this made sense for a long time, without much going on in the budget thought we would give you something to ponder

Mr. May:

- Waited a long time to have conversation on the EMS Coordinator and its relevance to local fire departments, what is the status of filling that position; when that position is filled local volunteer fire departments may get training cost reimbursed for EMS recertification, very important to local volunteer

fire department budgets, for as long as we have had that position vacant they have been unable to get reimbursement, know there are some opportunities to get free training but not entirely positive that it has been communicated - where do we stand, do we have a plan, what's going on in the way of communication with fire departments

Ms. Rooney:

- Director of EMS position very critical, intend to fill before year end, got held up with a number of VRR's as part of salary savings, fully intent to move forward filling the position

Mr. May:

- Communicate that with local fire departments, we realized some salary savings but these tiny fire departments are budgeting to the penny with budgets that are just a fraction of a fraction of ours, it hurts when they just don't know, they struggle to recruit and retain people every day, especially qualified medical personnel, it's a real burden to place on them; I am their voice today, want you to know this has really hurt, they are very frustrated and I hope they hear from us very soon

Ms. Rooney:

- They will, thank you

Mr. May:

- Receipt of the budget is the first I am hearing or seeing anything about this proposal, we have to make a decision in 3 or 4 days whether this will be included in the budget and frankly everyone's tax bills will be the same either way – see 2 departments, 2 missions, 2 visions, dollars largely the same last year to this year, just packed into one spot, not really showing any kind of a merger, want some kind of business plan portraying the value we are trying to extend, logically makes sense but I need more than this to say this is the right direction, a lot more

Ms. Rooney:

- We can provide that

Mr. May:

- Not dollars, know you're not there yet – what is the vision, the mission, how do these things synergize, how do they translate to more value to our constituents in the way of Public Safety, need to be able to represent this to those we serve and we have not accomplished that here

Ms. Rooney:

- We will get that to you

Mr. May:

- Thank you

Mr. Holmquist:

- Agree with Chairman McMahon and Chairman May's remarks, this is the first time hearing about this, other than a few sentences in the County Executive's presentation of the budget, and Ms. Rooney's 3 minute speech, agree it sounds good but we have a legislative process for a reason, if this was a great idea it should have gone to Public Safety a few months ago, we never discussed this, have nothing in writing, none of the methodology, Legislature's job is to fully vet these types of proposals, don't think the budget is a good time unless this was presented to Public Safety a few months ago and we had a chance to digest and debate; don't specifically object to anything right now, don't; know what to object or support, sounds good but would urge the Ways and Means Committee to not consider the merger in the context of a \$1.3 billion dollar budget, we have all the other departments to review, this merger should be setup separately, after the budget, for an appropriate legislative process, not appropriate to vote on this without something in writing, hope the Ways and Means Committee does not include this in the report

Chairman Knapp:

- July 4th weekend storms catastrophic, appreciate you being a go-to person for me as I coordinated with the towns adding up our numbers to make sure we were getting to our county threshold to move this forward, communication wise you were great, really appreciate your help, anything we can do to keep pushing this through to the state and federal government, particularly for Spafford where damage was twice their annual budget, looking at huge bonding for all these towns, could have dramatic impacts on their budget
- Thank you very much

Chairman Knapp recessed the meeting at 1:38 p.m. and reconvened at 1:46 p.m.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY, 3-64: William Fitzpatrick, District Attorney; Dominic Trunfio, Deputy District Attorney; Barry Weiss, Administrative Officer;

Mr. Fitzpatrick introduced his staff and presented the following:

Office of the District Attorney 2018 Budget

September 26, 2017

Mission:

- Pursue Justice
- Public Safety
- Perpetrator Accountability

History of Fiscal Responsibility

➤ 1992

Inherited a budget ¾ Million in the Red.
Since then this Office has had 25 Budgets,
each one ended the year in the black.

➤ 2017

With the legislature's continued support
and assistance, we will have completed 26
straight years of running our operation in
the black

Workload, Staffing & Performance

- Tremendous amount of respect for the legislative process and the people in this room, appreciate the support shown in maintaining our budget so that we keep Onondaga County as safe as possible

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

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)



- Increase due to increased crime numbers and increased detection of crime, very good at detection; no such thing as cybercrime 25 years ago, cyber world great opportunity for disgusting perverts, very aggressive policy prosecuting them, also have welcoming environment for victims to come forward, particularly with the help of Vera House, which merged with the Rape Crisis Center – encourage victims to feel empowered, speak up and seek justice
- Cases range from murder in the first degree to speeding tickets

2016 Prosecutions

- 3,649 Felony Arrests
 - ✓ Over 25% are violent felonies
- 1,246 Felony Indictments/SCI's
- 50 felony trials
- 7,134 Misdemeanor Arrests
- Over 50 Misdemeanor trials
- Tens of Thousands of Violations and Vehicle & Traffic Dispositions

2016 V & T Stats

Total Convictions = 23,096
 Speed = 3,675
 Disobey Traffic Device = 3,409
 DWI = 577
 DWAI Drugs = 57
 Unlicensed Operator = 4,426
 Seatbelt = 2,170
 Not classified = 6,925

- Many counties delegate V & T responsibilities to the arresting agency, which I have a problem with, or a town or village attorney; reminder - this is a tremendous source of revenue for the city, towns and villages throughout the county

Conviction Rate

Overall 2016 Conviction Rate

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

Efficiency: Time to Disposition

Overall Felonies

- NYS Average: 342 days
- **Onondaga County: 166 days**

Violent Felonies

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

- Conviction rate 7 points above national average, time to disposition is almost as important, under NYS Criminal Law have 6 months to be ready to bring a case to trial, I have employed a 4 month rule since 1992, results in tremendous jail cost savings
- Have periodic bail review process; emphasis I do not believe in nominal bail, setting \$100 bail on indigent is ridiculous, no one is going to return to court for \$100; Chief Assistant Fineberg reviews the status weekly for those in the Public Safety Building, not convicted and awaiting trial, try to limit high bail for those truly notorious and dangerous offenders

Projections for 2017

Felony Indictments

1,300+

Felony Trials 60+

Misdemeanor Trials: 50+

Workload and Funding Comparisons

Based Upon UCR Part One Crimes

(Murder, Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Larceny & Auto Theft)

- Felony indictments include Superior Court Informations, which is a methodology by which a defendant can waive his case and admit guilt without the cost of presenting the case to a grand jury

2016 Murder Rate

County	*2015 Est. Population	# of ADA's		MURDERS	
		Current	Per 100K	2016	Per 100K
1 Onondaga	468,463	48	10.2	36	7.4
2 Monroe	749,402	79	10.5	44	5.87
3 Erie	922,578	89	9.6	51	5.52
4 Oneida	232,500	23	9.7	4	1.72
5 Richmond	474,558	46	9.7	21	4.42
6 Albany	309,381	37	12.0	5	1.61
7 Niagara	212,652	23	10.8	4	1.88
8 Westchester	976,396	119	12.2	23	2.35
9 Orange	377,647	43	11.4	11	2.91
10 Dutchess	295,754	25	8.5	4	1.35
11 Rockland	326,037	31	9.5	2	0.01

Total Part I Crime

County	*2015 Est. Population	# of ADA's		Part I Crime	
		Current	Per 100K	2016	Per 100K
1 Erie	922,578	89	9.6	25,818	2,798
2 Niagara	212,652	23	10.8	6,135	2,884
3 Monroe	749,402	79	10.5	18,652	2,488
4 Albany	309,381	37	12.0	8,673	2,803
5 Onondaga	468,463	48	10.2	11,112	2,372
6 Oneida	232,500	23	9.7	5,220	2,245
7 Orange	377,647	43	11.4	7,321	1,938
8 Dutchess	295,754	25	8.5	4,109	1,389
9 Richmond	474,558	46	9.7	6,313	1,330
10 Westchester	976,396	119	12.2	12,529	1,283
11 Rockland	326,037	31	9.5	3,557	1,090

- Murder rate most disturbing, based on this year's numbers hope that number is an anomaly; in terms on non-vehicular homicides, as of yesterday afternoon, had our 13th and 14th, don't think the number will approach anywhere near the 2016 record
- Part 1 Crime about the same as last year – same for staffing

Part I Crimes Per ADA

County	*2015 Est. Population	# OF ADA's		Part I Crime	
		Current	Per Part I	2016	Per 100k
1 Erie	922,578	89	290	25,818	2,798
2 Niagara	212,652	23	266	6,135	2,884
3 Monroe	749,402	79	236	18,652	2,488
4 Albany	309,381	37	234	8,673	2,803
5 Onondaga	468,463	48	231	11,112	2,372
6 Oneida	232,500	23	226	5,220	2,245
7 Orange	377,647	43	170	7,321	1,938
8 Dutchess	295,754	25	164	4,109	1,389
9 Richmond	474,558	46	137	6,313	1,330
10 Westchester	976,396	119	105	12,529	1,283
11 Rockland	326,037	31	114	3,557	1,090

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

- About where we should be in terms of funding and staffing

Comparative Crime Rates Downstate & Upstate

	*Pop.	2016 Part I Crime	Per 100K	2016 Murder	Per 100K
NY State	19,795,791	375,962	1899	629	3.17
New York City	8,550,405	174,402	2,039	335	3.91
Non-New York City	11,245,386	201,560	1,792	294	2.61
11 Counties	5,345,368	109,439	2,047	203	3.79
Onondaga	468,463	11,112	2,372	36	7.4

Consider this Perspective in Summary...

Onondaga County's crime rate:

- **Murder rate 57% higher than the NYS average and 47% higher than NYC.**
- **Index crime 14% higher than the NYC average**
- **Index crime 13% 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

- Violent crime has risen for 2nd year in a row in the US, a disturbing trend – more than happy to talk about the reasons now or at your convenience later on

Gun Prosecutions

2016

- City CPW Arrests = 260
- County CPW Arrests = 44
- Cases Referred to Feds = 54
- Federal Adoptions = 1

2017 to date

- City CPW Arrests = 169
- County CPW Arrests = 32
- Cases Referred to Feds = 15
- Federal Adoptions = 2

Homicide Bureau

- Record high 36 homicides in 2016
- 9 homicide trials in 2016
- 2017 year to date: 11 homicide trials
- Already 20 homicide trials scheduled between now and early 2018
- Over 50 active open homicide investigations from last 10 years

- Since 1992 had policy in place severely limiting plea bargaining in terms of gun prosecutions, NYS law mandates a 3.5 year sentence, sometimes avoided beyond my control

Special Victims Bureau Prosecutions

- 699 Children interviewed at the CAC in 2016 for sexual or physical abuse.
- 745 children interviewed to date in 2017 for sexual or physical abuse.
- 175 Sexual Assault cases prosecuted from 2016 to present.
- 1,498 domestic violence related cases in 2016.
- 13 internet Child Exploitation related cases in 2016.

Economic Crimes Bureau

2016 SOCIAL SERVICES FRAUD:

- 265 cases referred to the District Attorney's Office for Prosecution
- 166 persons disqualified from receiving further benefits
- **Total Targeted Funds to Recoup or Recover: \$275,511**
- **Total amount of Restitution Collected in 2016: \$367,344**

- Started Special Victims Bureau early in my term, if not familiar with the Child Advocacy Center please call Linda Cleary for a tour, important that you recognize how efficiently they operate and what a user friendly place it is for the most vulnerable victims, have staff there whenever needed and periodically review cases; very concerned about the staffing level of some of the policing agencies but suspect those problems will be addressed in the near future
- Economic Crimes Bureau one of the best returns on your tax dollar, people have been economically victimized for years and police agencies have traditionally said that was a civil matter, I've never taken that attitude, we are very aggressive i.e. recently put white-collar criminal in state prison for 7-21 years for stealing hundreds of thousands' of dollars from victims originally told it was a civil matter

Economic Crimes Bureau

Social Services Fraud (2017 year to date):

- 168 cases referred to the District Attorney's Office for Prosecution.
- 46 disqualified from receiving further benefits.
- **Total Targeted Funds to Recoup or Recover to date: \$179,233**
- **Total amount of Restitution Collected to date: \$203,615**
- **"Cost avoidance" year to date: \$93,684**

DWI Bureau

2016

- 1526 cases

2017 to date

- 964 Cases

Items of Note:

- Conviction rate for top count (DWI) highest in 25 years
- Average 28 motor vehicle fatality investigations per year (7 year average)

INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

- DA Investigators are assigned to all major investigations and trial cases
- **Over 5000** Subpoenas Served per year
- Responsible for securing witnesses for trial and ensuring their safety
- Responsible for securing evidence and preparing it for courtroom presentation as exhibits, including all digital presentations
- Investigated 8 officer involved shootings 2015-present

Drug Interdiction and Response Team (DIRT)

- Most prolific use of wiretaps outside NYC metropolitan area in long term investigations
- Most of heroin coming into Onondaga County from NYC and Northern New Jersey via Mexico.
- Partner in HIDTA (*High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area*) with \$75,000 of federal money targeted for Onondaga County.

- 14 investigators, no trial could be effective without the job of the investigations bureau, some of the best cops in Onondaga County, many with 20-25 yrs. experience at other agencies; cannot hire retired sheriffs', terrible restriction but out of our hands
- Heroin fentanyl epidemic is going to get worse before it gets better

D.I.R.T. Productivity

- 21 Major Investigations
- Search Warrants - 53
- Wire Taps - 75
- Cocaine Seized – 52 lbs
- Heroin Seized – 4 lbs
- Fentanyl & Other Synthetic Drugs – 7 lbs
- Firearms Seized – 10
- Persons Arrested – 82

Increase in Appellate Workload

- 78 cases decided by Appellate Division (30% increase over 2015)
- 165 post sentencing motions
- Of Special Note:
 - Successfully defended the Syracuse Noise Ordinance before New York State Court of Appeals (*People v. Stephens*)

- Wire taps intensive labor, monitored 24 hours a day, often by my staff and whatever agency is working with us
- Retrying dozens of cases which we have no control over, i.e. county judge failed to read jury notes into the record, automatic reversal

Current Trends

Increase in Homicides, Shots Fired and Shots with Injuries

- Gun Homicides up 32% (16 to 21)
- All Homicides up 50% (24 to 36)
- SPD homicide solve rate hovers around 45%
- Shots Fired up 18% (317 to 390)
- Persons Shot up 12% (97 to 111)

- Increase in homicides number one priority, gun homicides seriously out of control, skill of area doctors one reason the number isn't even hire

Gun Violence

- Since 2001 There Have Been Over 4,562 Shooting Incidents in the City of Syracuse

1,592 Persons Have Been Shot

1,394 Persons Survived

198 Homicides

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

Gun Violence

Crime Type	2014	2015	2016	2017
Shots Fired	237	317	390	196
Shots Fired with Injury	79	97	111	64
Homicide by Gun	16	16	19	10

Gang Activity and Gang Violence

- Gang violence increasing as SPD staffing declines
- Gang members and active shooters are getting younger despite false narrative of “Raise the Age”
- Increase in witness intimidation and witness tampering
- Required to assist in relocating 37 witnesses and their families

Officer Involved Shootings

We have taken the lead in investigating officer involved shootings:

- Specialized training and expertise in force science
- Implemented a protocol that covers actions from incident to grand jury investigation through to public announcement of findings
- Justice, transparency and public confidence

- Gang activity and violence a serious problem in Syracuse, budgetary decisions have impacted public safety; fed a false narrative with Raise the Age, refer to it as a solution in search of a problem, we have the most progressive and innovative system for dealing with teen offenders – now going to be handled in Family Court, decision made by the State Legislature; witness intimidation number one problem for staff, people disappear and are threatened, also concerned we are losing control of our own courthouse, people walk up and threaten me after court, imagine an Assistant DA or a witness, it is completely out of control, people were sleeping in hallways during my last trial, jurors sent note asking to be assured they would be accompanied to their cars by law enforcement
- Officer involved shootings notational nightmare for many communities, for last 3 years instructed no comments on officer shootings, let the system work and jury of peers decide, once grand jury makes a decision, personally sit down with families, as a result protests have been peaceful and calm, people respect the process and the system; i.e. very vocal family was going to sue, protest, not let this be covered up - sat down with them and their attorney, went through case from beginning to end, many had no idea what their loved one was involved in, presented in a fair and orderly fashion and gave them the opportunity to take any item they wanted with them in terms of copying for their civil lawyer, that ended the protesting

Onondaga County Drug/Opioid Overdoses

We continue to see rise in overall drug overdoses primarily due to opioid epidemic

■ 2015 = 70

■ 2016 = 82

Heroin Overdoses alone:

■ 2015 = 40

■ 2016 = 42

We expect the numbers for 2017 to increase

Technology Update

- Upgraded case management system completed at no cost to county taxpayers (provided by NYPTI), however...
- We embrace latest technology to catch criminals and to hold them accountable at trial

- Prescription Drug Taskforce started 3 yrs. ago, 824 people waiting for treatment beds in Onondaga County 5 yrs. ago, as of today less than 100, still need to do more, losing more people in the US to opioid overdoses than car crashes, national problem, point the finger at big pharma



- Technology the way of future, presented elaborate PowerPoint putting together all the circumstantial evidence for this case, tracked cellphones of the two offenders

- We continue to evaluate and develop procedures for new technology such as using video from police interview rooms, COP cameras or other surveillance cameras, private security videos, body-worn cameras being used by several local police agencies, BUT...

New technology almost always has significant costs associated with it

- Strong advocate of videotaped confessions

Hidden Costs

- Software compatibility issues: we constantly have to purchase and update software applications in order to view and copy video recordings from several different agencies all using different products sold by different vendors
- Cost of purchase, maintenance and updates for equipment to present this technology in the courtroom
- Server storage issues

Video Storage Estimate (just for body cameras)

- Currently, local police agencies are deploying 100 body worn cameras
- That number is expected to increase dramatically in the next year
- Yearly storage cost is estimated by NDAA at \$95,000 per year, per camera

- Our courtroom video and audio technology is a disgrace, less than 14 years old, most doesn't work, forced to rent equipment at taxpayer expense

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

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

- Criteria – does it work, should be adopting here; more often it is other communities adopting what we do

Remain on Cutting Edge of 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 where a prosecutor has been co-located as an integral part of the multi-disciplinary team
- **Present:** Continue our leadership role in all aspects of investigating and prosecuting sex crimes, child abuse and child sexual exploitation

Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

- DA, Feds, OCSO, NYSP, SPD
- Specialized ICAC Training
- Year to date productivity since task force created in 2008:**
- Executed over **150 Search warrants** Leading to **110 Arrests and Felony Prosecutions** for Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography
- **35** Enticement & Traveler Cases

- Internet crimes against children blossomed over the last decade

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

- 15 presentations in 2016 for online safety, sexting and cyber-bullying in Onondaga County Schools
- Over 6,500 Students reached in 2016
- Almost 50K Students, parents and teachers have heard this presentation since its inception in 2007
- Already presented at 2 new schools and almost 1000 students since classes started this September

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
- 47 Classes held since 2011
- Over 200 teens have been referred since program inception

- Assistant DA talks to students on his own time, goal is to educate, not to send them to prison
- Cyber Justice Diversion program saves money, keeps them out of the Criminal Justice System and gets them on the right track

“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

Coordination of Forensic Services & CODIS Hits

- Working with crime lab in using latest in forensic science and DNA technology to build successful prosecutions
- Coordinate DNA Collection & DNA Database (CODIS “hits”)

- Can't say enough about the Forensic Science Center; lucky to have Dr. Corrado; will see increase, better able to detect DNA at crime scenes and get results with smaller amounts of biological material – 1990's needed the size of quarter, now able to develop full DNA profile from a couple of cells

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
- Newly created real-time crime center initiative

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
 - POP areas

- Crime Analysis Center spots trends, looks to enhance our ability to present good evidence in court, one more thing that we are proactive in doing
- CORE List - chronic repeat offenders

Problem Orientated Policing (POP Areas)

- Identify problem areas in the city
- Determine underlying reasons for problem areas
- Develop strategies to fix problem
- Assess if strategy worked
- Sr. level ADA assigned



Re-Entry Program

- Reduce crime by reducing recidivism.
- NYS DCJS belief in the effectiveness of the DA's Office
- Total awards of \$2,873,149
- 2017-18 award is \$317,251
- Program successfully restructured to enhance existing county resources to reduce crime by providing support and opportunity and integrating ex-cons back into community

- People go into prison with problems and still have them when they come out: lack of education, lack of opportunities, substance abuse, mental health issues, made sense to develop Re-Entry program, saves people from going back to state prison for parole violations

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:
 - ✓ Over 130 cases screened and 100 cases in program
 - ✓ Have trained all T&V Judges as well as defense bar

SNADD Sharps Needles And Drug Disposal

2016

- **1,560 lbs. of drugs collected**
- **1,000 lbs. of sharps collected**
- **2,100 lbs. of drugs collected from Jan. 1, 2017 to date**

Since program inception in November 2015:

- 10 Police Departments have Med Boxes
- 5 of 10 PD's have Sharps Kiosk
- OCC & ESF have Drop Off Locations
- **4,660 lbs. of drugs collected in total**

- People who have served their country deserve our best treatment, sometimes come back with problems that are unique to the military
- Believe in treatment as opposed to incarceration for drug offenders; SNADD press announcement in the next few days

CRIMES AGAINST REVENUE PROGRAM

Since 2007:

- 807 cases totaling **\$7.35 million** in Fraud and Theft, over half, **\$3.2 million**, in Government Fraud.
- Onondaga County over **\$2.17 million** in welfare fraud.
- Recovered **\$1,363,784** for NYS taxpayers.
- December 2016 to present **\$478,193.94** recovered:
 - Sales tax = 264,788; Unemployment = \$13,962.50; Tax Preparer Fraud \$11,224; Workers Comp = \$3,000 and Welfare Fraud \$185,219.44

2016 GIVE PROGRAM

- Co-chair of Gun Involved Violence Elimination Project (GIVE) (formerly known as Operation IMPACT)
- 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:	\$1,162,017
COUNTY Awards:	\$835,058
DA's Office Award:	\$326,959

- Tremendous return on investment for Crimes Against Revenue program
- GIVE formerly IMPACT; county getting fair share of awards because of relationships built

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 – 2,284 Anonymous Tips Received By Police from 26 agencies
- Immigration Outreach Program
- L.E.A.D. Program

Law Enforcement Education and Development (L.E.A.D.)

- Work in conjunction the Syracuse City School District and the Law Enforcement Career & Technical Education Program at PSLA Fowler High School
- 16 seniors, 10 juniors and 31 freshmen enrolled
- ADAs teaching and mentoring L.E.A.D. students
- Currently we have 1 senior intern at DA's Office and we are in the process of procuring internships in other local LE agencies

- SRO's prevent crime; TIP 411 – those afraid to come forward can communicate with a police officer in real time
- Very excited about L.E.A.D., looking for kids interested in law enforcement, will do our best to keep them in Onondaga County, hopefully in the City to work with the neighborhoods they know so the police know the people in the neighborhood and vice versa

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

LEADERSHIP

- Continued Leadership Has Been Critical to Increase and Maintain Collaboration & Coordination with Federal, State & Local Law Enforcement
- 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:

\$21.8 Million

- State \$19,857,445
- 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

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

- Expert witness fees
- Specialized forensic testing
- Transcript costs and increase in court reporter fees
- Printing & binding costs
- Witness travel, lodging & security
- Witness/transcript translation fees (\$25,000 in 2016, alone)
- Costs for duplication of recordings
- Software updates & compatibility with 20 different police agencies
- Countless unfunded court mandates

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

- Travel, lodging and security increasing due to witness intimidation
- Zero funding to cover additional courts

Additional Duties of an ADA (without compensation or mileage)

- Evening Justice Courts
- Weekend & Holiday Arraignments in City
- Neighborhood Watch Liaison
- ADA's give dozens of presentations a year to student groups on subjects ranging from internet safety to drunk driving.
- On-Call Duty
- Town/Village Off-hours Felony Arraignments

Hurrell-Harring Lawsuit A Solution In Search of a Problem

- Assigned Counsel Program has been awarded \$2,515,967 to cover counsel at arraignment including \$200 per session for off-hour arraignments
- District Attorney's Office funding for same work=\$0
- Assigned Counsel Program has an history of poor oversight
- Latest example: some attorneys are billing the county's assigned counsel program well over \$200,000 in a year

- Hurrell-Harring mentioned 5 cases in initial lawsuit, 2 were acquitted, 2 were dismissed and 1 career offender received the minimum sentence through the skills of their assigned lawyers, "a solution in search of a problem"; very encouraged Ms. Dougherty has taken over the Assigned Counsel program, expect great things from her

Thank You

Chairman McMahon:

- Great presentation; thank you for respecting the budget process year over year, always reach out when you see an issue with unforeseen costs, appreciate the great collaboration
- Interested in trying to understand some of the trends, seeing Onondaga County as the number one murder rate is very disturbing, seeing more policies pushed from Albany creating local mandates, like to hear your thoughts on some of these things

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Thumbnail synopsis, Chief Fowler saddled by institutional things that occurred way before he became chief, one is overtime, head of Syracuse Gang Taskforce scheduled hours 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., now a convicted felon, have a serious institutional breakdown when that person is working two jobs and no one in management purports to know about it, also why assign hours when most gang members are asleep, should have been 4:00 p.m. to midnight and/or midnight to 8:00 a.m.; significant discussion, nationally, about the “Ferguson effect”, police officers now reticent to involve themselves in what ordinarily would have been routine police encounters; stop, question and frisk not new, came up almost 40 years ago, and the Supreme Court ruled police are entitled, under certain constitutional parameters, don’t have that policy in Syracuse, don’t know why
- Within the next month intend to meet with city clergy members and encourage them to hold up a photo of the little boy shot by his brother with an illegal handgun negligently stored in their apartment, then hold up TIPS 411, report anonymously, take back the City of Syracuse
- Great believer in immigration and the greatness of this country but I don’t know where the plan is; my office started the Immigrant Outreach program on our own, no assistance from anyone, and no communication with the City, desperate for these people to know they can report crimes, not corrupt like the police in their native countries, are here to assist, they are the perfect victims, predators know they are reluctant to reach out to law enforcement; don’t know that anything is more important to a community than safety, can’t trample on people’s constitutional rights, anyone that does will be rebuked but we can operate within the fairness of the constitution and have a vibrant, healthy community; should see people out enjoying the sunshine and walking in their neighborhood, people I represent tell me they are afraid to go outside once the sun goes down, grew up in Brooklyn, looked forward to socializing in neighborhoods, don’t see that in Syracuse, pains me

Chairman McMahon:

- Are you seeing opioid trend moving from heroin to cocaine

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Seeing mostly synthetic drugs, cocktail of heroin and fentanyl, fentanyl is an artificial opioid and the numbers are staggering, probably not quoting them correctly, hundreds of time the impact of heroin; had documentation from young individual insisting on getting same batch from the person that prepared a batch that killed a person, cops have revived people with Narcan and a week later respond to the individuals death
- This is a problem, talked to Bob Durr about this, know the County has some plans regarding big pharma; doing everything we can in terms of punishment when we have a cocktail fatality, no state law deals with it adequately, work with the US Attorney’s office which has a statute that can punish someone up to 20 years, 3 pending prosecutions
- Don’t understand the lack of national urgency on gun deaths and opioid overdoses, these are preventable; thought case of 2 year old Rashaad Walker Jr. would galvanize the community to put an end to this, 2 people stabbed at Skiddy Park candlelight vigil, don’t know what it takes, never going to stop trying and just a phone call away if anyone has ideas

Mr. May:

- Thank you; echo the Chairman’s gratitude for your fiscal approach and what you do every day, develop a higher appreciation each year for the fact that you do what you promise and talk about it when you can’t, makes our job easier and is appreciated
- Clarify body camera costs \$95,000, all in cost per year

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Estimate from the National DA’s Association; do you turn the camera on when interviewing a sexual assault victim, if turned off are you trying to hide something, in a patrol car say something off the cuff about politician, does that become, lawyer for DWI case will have to review hours of video tape, 98% of which is irrelevant, client will complain if all hours aren’t reviewed - had some terrible incidents, people thought police body cameras would solve everything, are times when body cameras are on and its complete chaos, can’t tell anything; working with Chief Fowler, the towns and villages, hopeful following protocol developed will lead to some type of manageable solution

Mr. May:

- Sheriff Conway's issue is full transparency, do it right or not at all; two-edged sword from my rookie standpoint

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Many agencies under pressure to release body cam within minutes; have to do investigation, don't want witnesses tarnished

Chairman Knapp:

- Years ago discussed with previous Sheriff the policy for license plate data, how long and where to keep information, don't know that it was ever solved, this snowballs the problem dramatically – many unintended consequences, discussion needs to be had

Mr. May:

- Your reentry program is optional, is it for both facilities

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- For state parolees released back into Onondaga County; can avail themselves, good program, recidivism rate drops as much as $\frac{3}{4}$, if the person is in the reentry program, handle several hundred cases per year

Mr. Ryan:

- Appreciate trying to detour crime, city residents very worried, murder rates are astonishing
- SNADD program resulted in issue for the near Westside that I have been working on for a few years, people are shooting up and dropping needles where children are walking back and forth to Delaware school, not a wise location, shared my frustration, worked with County Health department to put out flyers on what to do with them, streets are ridden with needles, if you could help point me in the right direction

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Making mental note to get back to you, typical thing where politics jumps in as opposed to good health and common sense; not encouraging drug use, opportunities for treatment and education in addition to healthy needle exchange; would love to sit down with you

Mr. Ryan:

- Everyone pointing fingers, DPW doesn't want to touch it because it's a crime scene, police won't pick it up because it's DPW's job, frustrated, people mow and rake lawns with needles, kids can't even play in the leaves, it is a problem, any help is appreciated

Chairman Knapp:

- Any yearend concerns

Mr. Weiss:

- No

Chairman Knapp:

- Significant increase in 2017 modified budget for contractual expenses (**pg.3-64, Line A695700**)

Mr. Weiss:

- Mainly used for witness transcripts

Chairman Knapp:

- Grant side increased (**pg. 3-65, Line A695700**), any new grants

Mr. Weiss:

- Just general increases from the state

Chairman Knapp:

- Cannot hire retired sheriff, state rule

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Can't get two paychecks from the same entity, legislatively could be changed

Chairman Knapp:

- There is Incredible talent out there; thank you

Chairman Knapp said that it was not listed on the budget schedule, but we will be asking questions of written submissions following tomorrow's capital projects overview.

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Onondaga County Legislature

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