

AGENDA
PUBLIC SAFETY/CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Gray, Barnes, Walker, Fazzary
STAFF ADVISOR/MINUTES: Nicole Smith, Clerk

- I. DISTRICT ATTORNEY – Jeremy Hourihan
 - A. Nothing Submitted

- II. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Kirk Smith
 - A. Resolution – Authorize five-year grant contract with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) for the State Fiscal Year 2026 Emergency Services IP Network (ESIPNet) Grant Program
 - B. Motion – Authorize renewing the contract with Environmental Emergency Service, Inc. for Flood Control at a cost of \$3,000.00, no increase from 2025 for the term of January 8, 2026 through December 31, 2026
 - C. Discussion - Report (attached)

- III. SHERIFF – Kevin Rumsey
 - A. Discussion – February 2026 Reports

- IV. PUBLIC DEFENDER – Josette Colón
 - A. Resolution – Authorize contract with Lisle Kingery, Ph.D for assistance in Trial Preparations
 - B. Discussion – Deferral of 2025 Division of Criminal Justice State Aid Awards

- V. PROBATION – Chris Rosno
 - A. Discussion – New employee introduction – Sabrina Jones

RE: AUTHORIZE FIVE-YEAR GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (DHSES) FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2026 EMERGENCY SERVICES IP NETWORK (ESIPNET) GRANT PROGRAM – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Department was awarded a New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Emergency Services IP Network (ESIPNet) Grant Program in the amount of \$689,655.00, with no local share cost, and

WHEREAS, these grant funds will be used for the extended support of the County's 911 Microwave system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to accept and execute the SFY 2026 Emergency Services IP Network (ESIPNet) Grant contract with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030, in the amount of \$689,655.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to establish the SFY Emergency Services IP Network (ESIPNet) Grant accordingly in cooperation with the Emergency Management Department.

Public Safety Committee

March 23, 2026

Emergency Services Report for the period of Feb 19th, 2026 – March 16th, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION & INFORMATION

PROGRAM REPORTS:

911 Services:

Addressing:

Statistics for this month are not currently available. Update will be provided with next month's report.

Radio Towers: Monterey Tower site in the Town of Orange is moving forward ground was broken this week, the concrete needs to cure 28 days then tower and building will be erected.

Emergency Management:

Monterey Fire Department

The EMO office worked with the Town of Orange in coming up with a successful resolution to the issue presented.

911 re-design

The 911 center staff is in the temporary location in the Emergency Management Office EOC, while renovations to the primary 911 center are being completed. Including updating the facility and furniture to prepare for the next phase of the upgrade. The plan is for the 911 center and dispatchers to be back in the primary center by the beginning of May.

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND TRAINING:

CPR training center

The Schuyler County EMO is now a training center for CPR through Health Safety Institute (formerly American Health and Safety Institute) which is a nationally recognized certification.

Sound the Alarm Program.

Currently pushing to get requests submitted to support a spring sound the alarm event, where the EMO is partnered with the American Red Cross to install free smoke detectors in homes that currently does not have adequate smoke detection.

Social Media

The EMO office has increased the amount of posting via social media platforms to inform residents of safety related information. Including the New York State Burn Ban that went into effect on March 16, Generator safety, Traffic safety, storm preparation, and recruitment for volunteers for the fire departments in the County.

PLANNING AND RESPONSE:

Emergency Management is working closely with the Town of Hector in attending board meetings. The goal is to have public information sessions set for the end of April into May to be held at both Hector and Burdett Fire Departments to help better inform the public about the process.

Our upgrade to the P-25 digital radio platform has had an updated date of completion to August of this year, from a previous date in the first part of next year. We are happy to announce that groundbreaking for the Monterey Tower project occurred on March 17th.

The EMO office continues to have bi-weekly meetings on the reprogramming project, that will require much coordination and communication with all our current resources. Our current inventory of over 550 subscriber units (Radio's) will all need a flash upgrade to make the radios P-25 compliant, so to receive the digital not analog frequency format. Still on pace for a May – June upgrade.

Resource Trailer

The EMO has refurbished a trailer to provide much needed resources to scenes. The money for this project was secured from the sale of a vehicle that was previously owned by our department. This trailer has lighting equipment, tools and a cascade system that can be used by any county departments as needed. This resource is currently available for deployment to incidents.

NYS Fire Coordinators Conference

Schuyler County has been chosen by the NYS Fire Coordinators to host their event in Schuyler County the week of April 8-10 at the Harbor Hotel.

Fire Investigations:

Assisted Mecklenburg Fire Department with structure fire and cause and origin investigation.

Testing of Radio System

Staff spent 2 days of testing the radio system with Televate and Motorola checking more than 80 different locations to assess the strength of the signal for portable radio

transmissions and reception. In a commitment to provide the best and most reliable radio system for the officers and firefighters of Schuyler County.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Attending bi-weekly NYS GIS Nex-Gen workshops as we prepare for the 2026/2027 implementation.

Staff attended WGI Planning meeting with stakeholders from around the state. Currently working on creating the IAP for the event. All resources have been requested through NY Responds.

The COOP plan update for the Emergency Services has been updated.

Working with Corning Community College to develop a contract and program to support the College with course sponsorship for EMT courses.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS:

Attended Lakes District Emergency managers meeting
Have had several ongoing meetings with Xybix on design of the 911 furniture and pricing.
911 meetings with staff
Haz Mat consortium meetings
Met with Wilmac, on the 911 recorder upgrade
Had meetings with CEMS director of operations
EMO/Sheriff staff meeting
WGI meetings for NASCAR have begun
Flex/CAD update meetings
Fire Advisory Meetings with County Representatives
Monterey Board meetings
Meetings with Red Cross
Staff meeting with Deputy Coordinators and Investigators
Meeting with Midstate Communications
Meetings with NYS DOH EMS
Meeting with Odessa Montour, GST BOCES and OFPC on creating a program to provide emergency services training to Juniors and Seniors at the High School level.

Sincerely,

Kirk U Smith

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Director

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 21, 2025

Introduced by Sens. MAYER, BORRELLO, FAHY, GALLIVAN, HARCKHAM, HINCHEY, MAY, WALCZYK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law and the public health law, in relation to emergency medical services

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 122-b of the general municipal law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

3 6. (a) Each county, in coordination with their regional emergency
4 medical services council, shall convene meetings and a planning process
5 with cities, towns, and villages within their jurisdiction for the
6 purpose of developing and maintaining a comprehensive county emergency
7 medical system plan that shall describe how coordinated and reliable
8 emergency medical services within the county would be provided for all
9 residents within the county. The planning process shall include assess-
10 ment of the existing level of emergency medical services in each area of
11 the county, a plan to increase or provide service where additional
12 service is needed, a determination as to what organizational structure
13 will be utilized to provide service in each area of the county, and cost
14 estimates to provide service in areas requiring service levels greater
15 than currently available. The goal of this process is to provide a
16 framework to assist state and local decision makers in achieving the
17 objective of ensuring that reliable emergency medical services and ambu-
18 lance services are made available to every person in the state.

19 (b) In developing the comprehensive county emergency medical system
20 plan, each county, city, town, and village shall work together to speci-
21 fy which entity or entities, and which organizational structure will be
22 utilized for providing emergency medical services and how costs for

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 providing such services will be assigned. Such plan may utilize municipi-
2 pal, intermunicipal, not-for-profit or for-profit contract coverage,
3 special district, or regional agreements for providing service in each
4 area of the county.

5 (c) Comprehensive county emergency medical system plans shall be
6 completed within six months of the effective date of this section and
7 submitted to the department of health and the state emergency medical
8 services council for review, and comment.

9 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.



February 2026

ROAD PATROL

Complaints	700
Arrest	19
Overdoses	2
DWI / DWAI	1
Traffic Stops	217
UTT's	206

COMMUNICATION CENTER

Total CAD Calls Received	701
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JAIL

	Males	Females	Minor Male	Minor Female
Booking Stats - Average				
<i>Unsentenced</i>	8	0		
<i>Sentenced</i>	3	0		
Average Individuals Booked	11	0	0	0
Boarded Out Totals	1	1		
Unarraigned Totals	1	2		
State Readies Totals	1			
Parole Vilator Warrant	1			

SHELTER REPORT

	Dogs to Southern Tier Animal Control	Dogs to Schuyler County Humane Society
Reading	1	
Montour	1	
Dix	1	
Total	3	

Civil Division

Evictions	1
Family Court Summons	1
Income Executions	5
Misc.	0
Order or Protection	9
Property Execution	0
Show Cause Order	1
Summons	2
Summons/Complaint	2
Summons/Verified Complaint	2

TOTAL

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RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH LISLE KINGERY, PH.D FOR ASSISTANCE IN TRIAL PREPARATIONS – PUBLIC DEFENDER’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Public Defender has determined a need to expand their trial preparations, and

WHEREAS, Lisle Kingery, Ph.D, has the necessary expertise, resources and qualifications to provide such services and has agreed to contract with the Public Defender’s Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Lisle Kingery, Ph.D for the Schuyler County Public Defender’s Department for trial preparation assistance for the term January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, at a cost of \$350.00 per hour, funding available in account no. 001.1170.0452, document approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.