

# CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Monthly Newsletter for New York State Law Enforcement Leaders

November 2022

## Onondaga and Mid-Hudson Chiefs Work for Progress

Every police department in New York is facing recruiting and retention problem. Recently, the Onondaga County Chiefs took action. Requesting assistance from Assemblyman Al Stirpe (Assembly District 127) the Chiefs asked for legislation raising the cap on earnings by retirees. Stripe responded by drafting legislation with Senator John Mannion (Senate District 50). The legislation raises the cap on earnings for retired police officers from \$35,000 to \$65,000.

On October 13<sup>th</sup> Stirpe and Mannion held a press conference in Central New York introducing the legislation accompanied by about a dozed police chiefs. At the press conference Cicero Police Chief Steve Rotunno said “ We’re currently in a crisis never seen before or experienced in law enforcement. If we don’t hold on to our retirees, we may be faced with the reality that we can no longer adequately protect the communities we serve.”



*Assemblyman Al Stirpe and Senator John Manion address the media with Onondaga County Chiefs*

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## Onondaga and Mid-Hudson Chiefs work for progress

North Syracuse Chief Bill Becker highlighted the issue of New York retirees moving to other states to work in law enforcement and collect their pensions saying “Rhode Island calls them New York wonders,” referring to the highly trained and experienced officers from New York moving to other states. “Unfortunately, a lot of them leave New York. They go to other places where there are no restrictions, but I think a lot of them would stay and a lot of them would continue to work in law enforcement,” said Stirpe.

Senate bill S9576 <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2021/S9576> is sponsored by Manion and with assistance from the Mid- Hudson Chiefs, co-sponsored by Michelle Hinchey (46<sup>th</sup> senate district) and Shelly Mayer (37<sup>th</sup> senate district). Please support this legislation by contacting your local The legislation is specifically intended to benefit retired officers working as school resource officers and will allow municipalities to hire retired officers as school resource officer at reasonable rate. Manion said that the school resource officer positions are “ideal” for retired police officers because of the school schedule. Although intended for school resource officers the proposed legislation will apply to all retired police officers hired by municipalities. NYSACOP supports this legislation and encourages you to support it as well by contacting your local representatives.



*Cicero Police Chief Steve Rotunno speaks at press event.*



*Syracuse Police Chief Joe Cecile speaks at press event.*

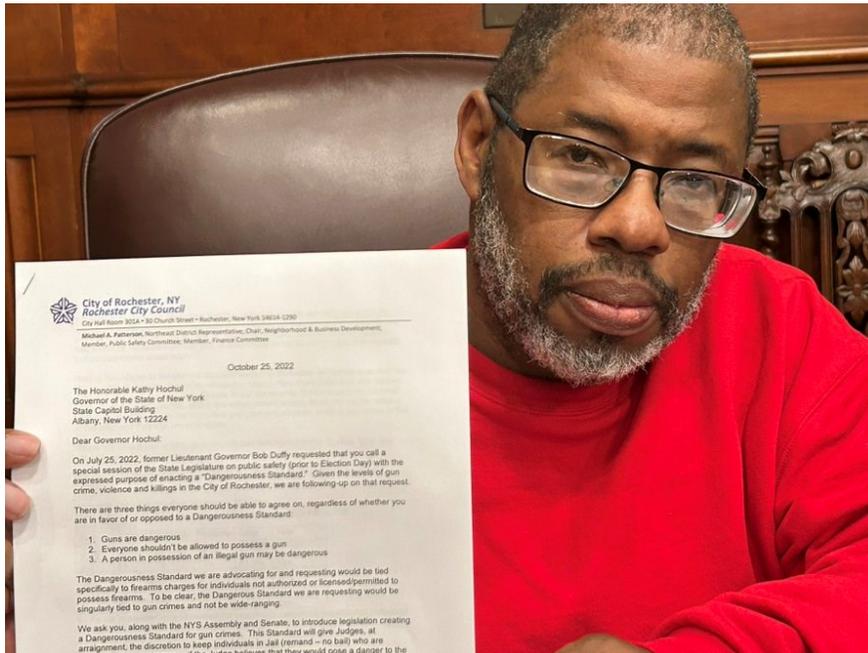
# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHIEF/RET. PATRICK PHELAN



## Rochester City Council Members Send Letter to Hochul Asking for Changes to Bail Laws

In late October, members of the Rochester's all democrat city council sent a letter to Governor Kathy Hochul asking for changes to the bail system. The letter asked for a special session of the legislature so that a "dangerousness standard" could be enacted. The council members pointed out the shootings in Rochester have doubled since bail reform was enacted. Signing the letter were councilmembers Jose Peo, Willie Lightfoot, Lashay Harris, and Miguel Melendez, Michael Patterson.

"I am a registered Democrat, and I am a loyal Democrat. And the Assembly is controlled by the Democratic Party. The Senate is controlled by the Democratic Party. The Governor of the State of New York is a Democrat. **If you believe that Black lives matter, we're getting shot! Do something! Have this**



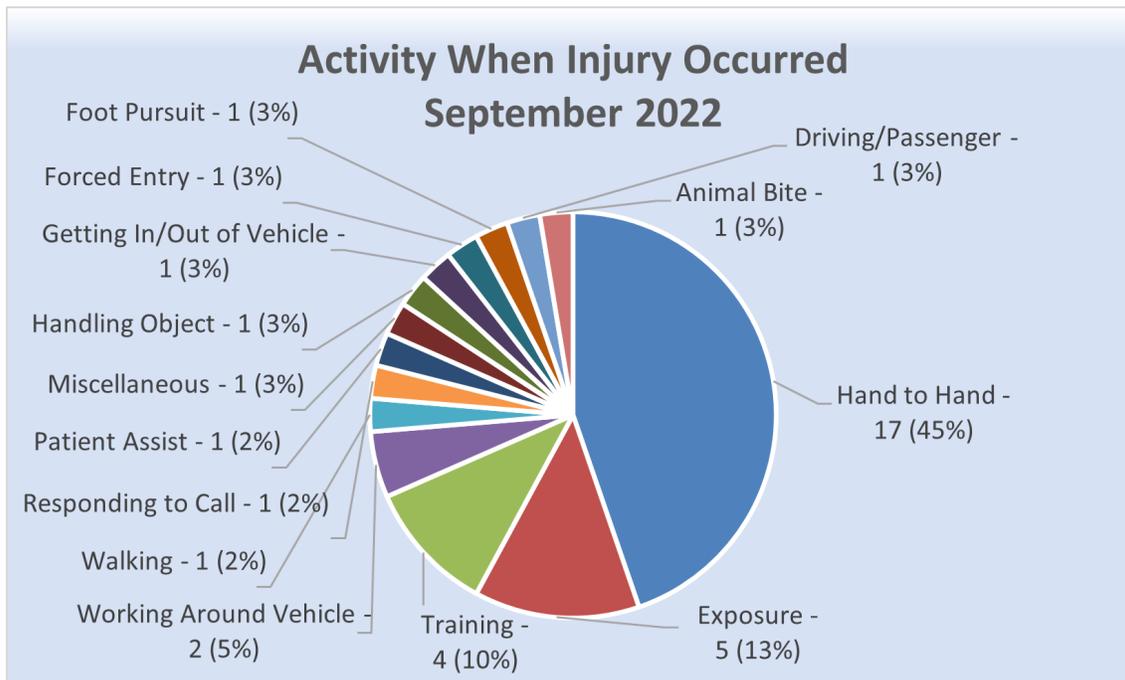
*"If Black lives matter, we're getting shot! Do something!" Rochester City Councilman Michael Patterson*

*Rochester City Council member Michael Patterson displays letter to Governor Hochul*

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**PERMA Law Enforcement/Corrections  
Injury Report - September 2022**



**Activities Breakdown of claims submitted**

- Hand to Hand - 17** (accidentally tased, resisted, scratched, bitten, punched, kicked)
- Exposure - 5** (saliva, heroin, blood)
- Training - 4** (firearms, dt)
- Working Around Vehicle - 2** (struck head, wrist)
- Animal Bite - 1** (bee sting)
- Driving/Passenger - 1** (MVA)
- Forced Entry - 1** (cut by glass)
- Getting In/Out of Vehicle - 1** (knee pain)
- Handling Object - 1** (barricade)
- Miscellaneous - 1** (unknown debris entered eye inside dirty house)
- Patient Assist - 1** (lifting patient)
- Pursuit - 1** (laceration)
- Responding to Call - 1** (strained knee while running to fair incident)
- Walking - 1** (knee contusion after slipping on wet surface)

Please direct questions about this monthly report to [Pete Frisoni](#) (Public Safety Risk Management Specialist)

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## Middletown Cop Receives Medal Of Valor



*Middletown Officer Evan Barone—Photo Courtesy of The Epoch Times*

Middletown Police Officer Evan Barone was selected by the Division of Criminal Justice Services as the recipient of the Medal of Valor for demonstrating exceptional courage and bravery in service to his community. Officer Barone was flagged down while on patrol by a woman who advised him that her ex-boyfriend was refusing to leave her home. Barone followed the complainant to her house to investigate. As Barone exited his vehicle, the boyfriend exited the house and shot Barone. A bullet struck Barone in the arm, causing nerve and bone damage before lodging in his vest. Despite being

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The New York Law Enforcement Assistance Program (NYLEAP) is accepting nominations for the 5th Annual Support a Law Enforcement Family in Need at Christmas program. Since it's inception the program has assisted families dealing with a range of tragedies such as death of a law enforcement parent, a debilitating cancer diagnosis, and a heart transplant recipient. .



## 2022 Support a Law Enforcement Family in Need at Christmas Program Accepting Nominations



### WHO CAN BE NOMINATED:

A family of a police officer, corrections officer, probation officer, parole officer, or dispatcher who is in need. Need is any physical, mental emotional, or financial crisis the family is experiencing due to a critical circumstance such as illness, serious physical injury, or death of a family member. Death includes on or off duty suicide.

### REQUIREMENTS:

The nominee must agree to participate in the program prior to submitting the nomination

An agency liaison name and contact information must accompany each nomination.



### SUBMIT NOMINATIONS HERE:

<https://bit.ly/LEFamilyNomination>

### NOMINATIONS DUE BY OCTOBER 21st, 2022

For more information ; [le.families.in.need@gmail.com](mailto:le.families.in.need@gmail.com) or call Scott Neff at 518-944-1973 or Cindy Neff at 518-428-4432



*NYLEAP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing peer-driven assistance to law enforcement officers who have been involved in critical incidents. Combined with chaplaincy support, Post Critical Incident Seminars, education, and training, NYLEAP is saving careers, families, and lives. <https://www.nyleap.org/>*

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Seriously injured Barone was able to return fire, strike the suspect, and take him into custody. “ There were people all around him when this occurred. I truly believe that if it wasn’t for Officer Barone being there at that moment and stopping that individual, he was going to cause harm to others” Middletown Chief John Ewanciw told the Epoch Times. Officer Barone is the first Middletown Police Officer to receive the award. Governor Kathy Hochul said “ Despite being seriously wounded, Officer Barone demonstrated exceptional bravery by putting himself in harms way to keep New Yorkers safe. His quick thinking and swift action prevented anyone else from being harmed by the gunman. We honor him for his courage and service, and we also commend the thousands of police officers who work tirelessly to protect New Yorkers in communities across the state.” Congratulations to Officer Evan Barone and the Middletown Police Department.



*Lt. Governor Delgado congratulates Officer Evan Barone, photo courtesy of the Mid Hudson News*

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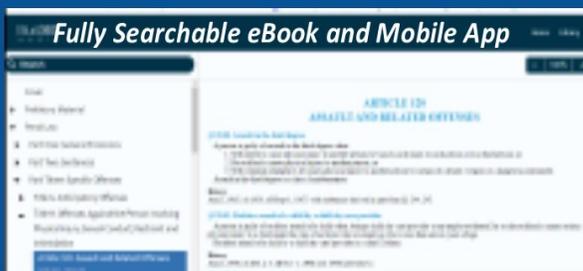
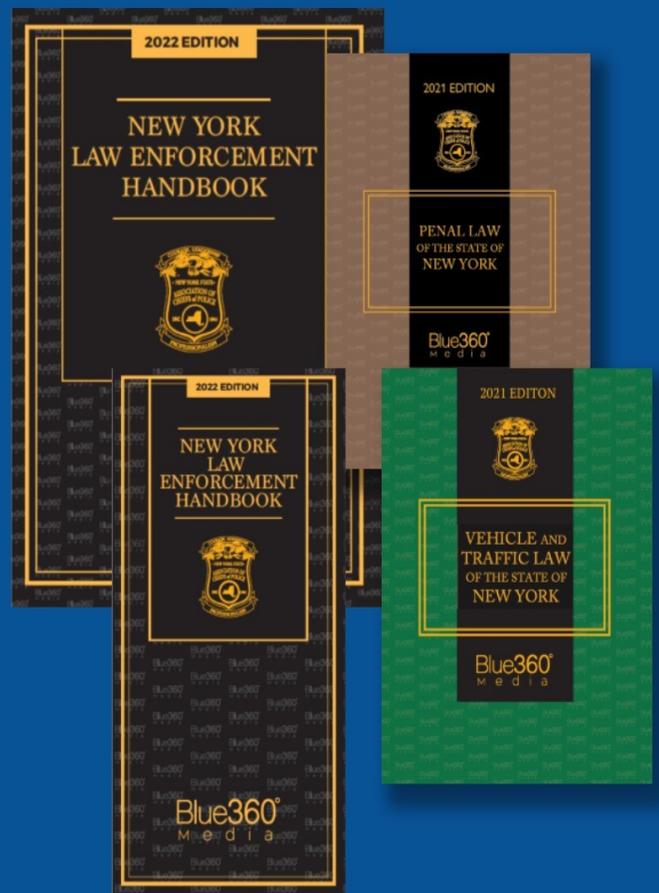


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 Vehicle and Traffic Law; and the  
 Law Enforcement Handbook (2 sizes)

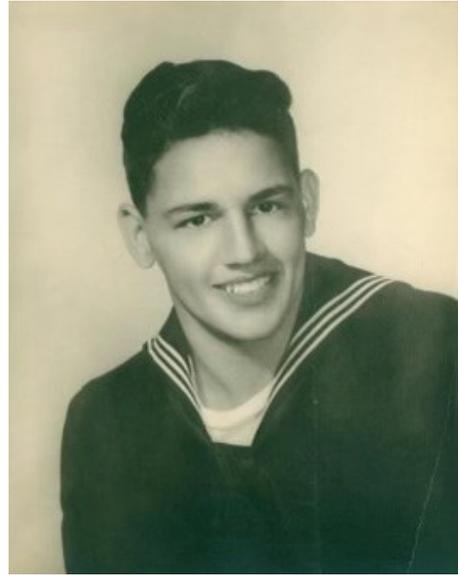
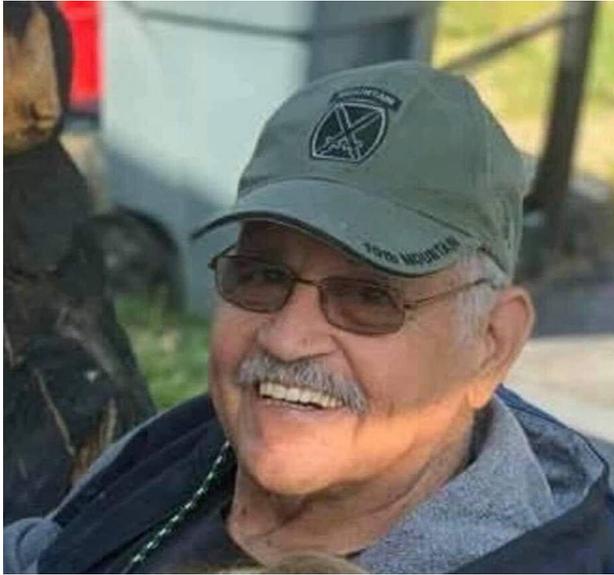
Featuring the New York Law Enforcement Handbook containing the most frequently used sections of NYS laws with custom content by the New York State Assn. of Chiefs of Police:

- Raise the Age Guide
- Federal Crimes
- HIPPA Guidelines
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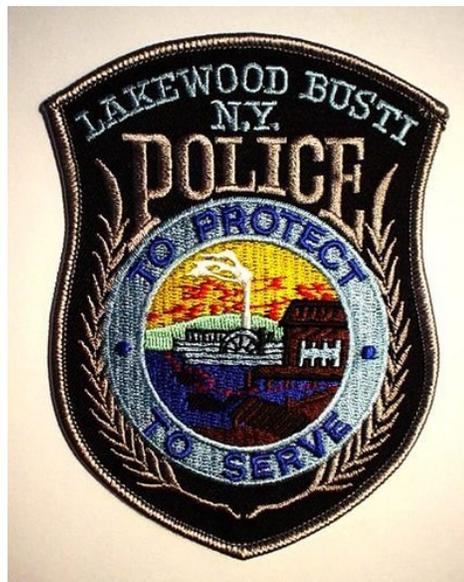
## Life Member Chief Wayne Quattrone Passes



Chief Wayne Quattrone passed away on November 2nd, 2022. Chief Quattrone served as the Chief of Police in Busti, NY from 1968 to 1982. Quattrone previously served as an officer with the City of Salamanca Police Department. Wayne was a life member of NYSACOP. Quattrone also served in the US Navy aboard the USS Independence. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM on Tuesday November 8th, 2022 at the Conduit Ministries in Jamestown, NY.

[Wayne E. Quattrone | News, Sports, Jobs - Post Journal \(post-journal.com\)](#)

[Wayne E. Quattrone Obituary - Visitation & Funeral Information \(petersonfh.net\)](#)



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A similar request went to the Governor earlier this year from former Rochester Police Chief, Mayor, and Lt. Governor Bob Duffy. Duffy asked for a special session for the legislature to enact a dangerousness standard and allow judges to exercise discretion and consider if a defendant is a danger to the community when determining bail. These letters come amidst the surge of violent crime in Rochester.

NYSACOP has drafted legislation that includes the ability of a judge to considers the defendants threat to public safety when determining bail. This legislation was presented in December 2021, thus far no action has been taken on this legislation.



*Former Commissioner Dermot Shea speaks at press event introducing NYSACOP Bail reform legislation*

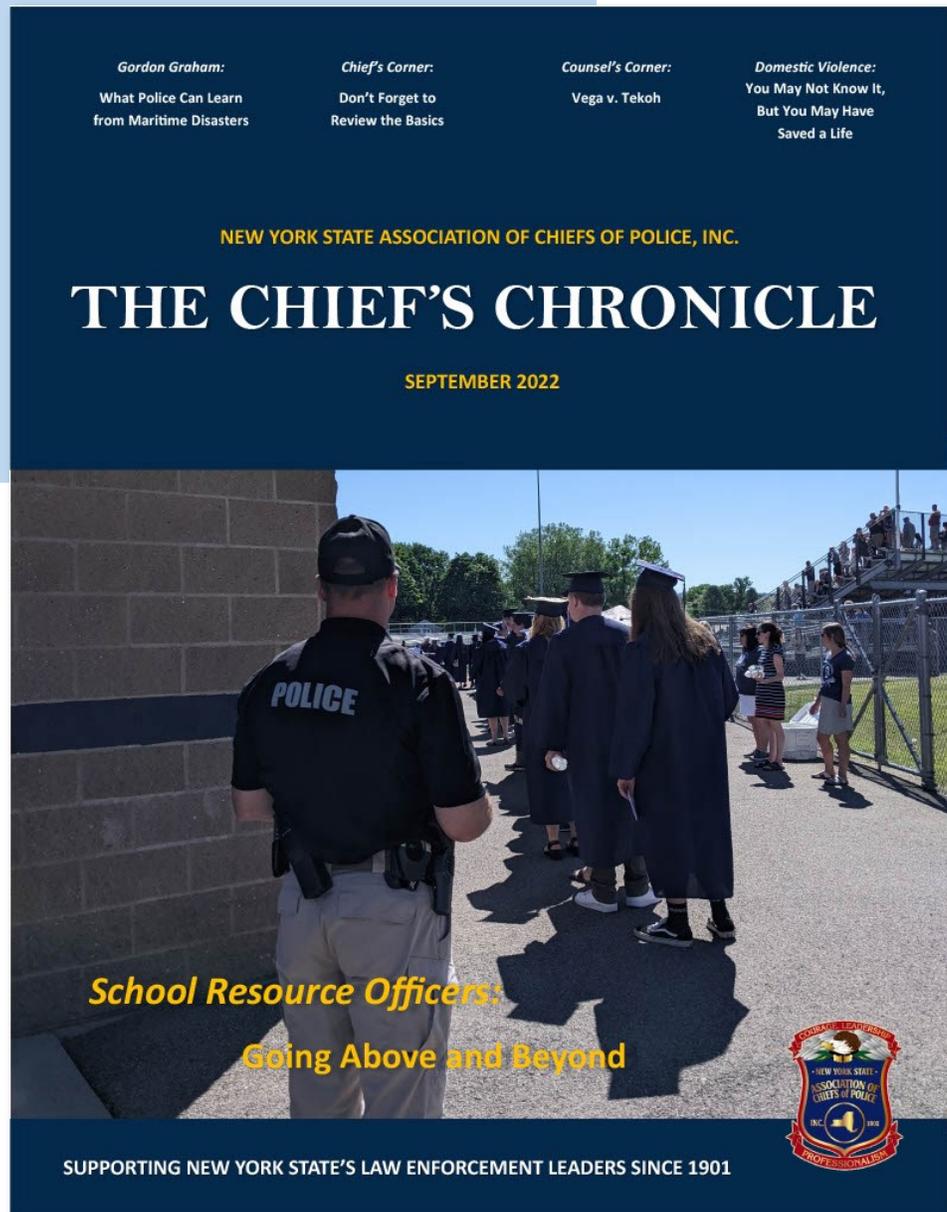
## Looking for Training Opportunities?

Check our Training Calendar at the end of this *Chiefly Speaking*. Includes links for Registration, Information, and Questions!



Check out the September edition of our magazine, *The Chief's Chronicle*.

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## Cheektowaga Chief Speaks Out Against Bail Reform

The November 4th, 2022 edition of the New York Post featured a story about Cheektowaga Police Chief Brian Gould. Chief Gould spoke out after a member of his community was brutally beaten in a domestic assault. The suspect was released without bail because the judge was not allowed to set bail under the latest bail reform laws. The next morning the same suspect allegedly crashed his car into the victims car as she drove her kids to school. The suspect then murdered the victim with a shotgun in front of her children. The suspect, Adam Benefield, had been paroled in 2015 after serving 15 years for the gunpoint abduction of a separate victim. “My message to the governor would be ; Please show us some support in law enforcement. Help us by allowing judges to consider someone’s dangerousness when they make a determination whether someone should be released or should be held in custody.”

Adam Bennefield is now being held without bail on one count of second degree murder and three counts of endangering the welfare of a child, in addition to charges from the earlier attack.

“The community expects police to keep them safe, and we’re doing everything in our power, but frustratingly, in New York state our judges are not trusted to make decisions based upon a person’s level of dangerousness and that’s one of the No. 1 things that we’re lobbying for as police chiefs in New York state.” said Gould.

NYSACOP continues to advocate for change to the bail reform laws and push for adoption of our already written legislation.



*Cheektowaga Police Chief Brian Gould*



Being able to text our citizens is not only convenient, but it allows me to be available to answer the phone when we get another emergency call. There are many opportunities in which dispatchers could quickly send a text to a citizen, such as a status update or a follow-up to an inquiry, to name a few. Plus, it keeps the dispatcher available to answer emergency calls."



Lori Kunker,  
Director of Communications  
Colonie, NY Police Department

### FCC DEADLINES ARE LOOMING. IS YOUR AGENCY READY?

NYSACOP has partnered with Convey911 to bring NG911 technology, including real-time translation for Officers, Call Takers, and Dispatchers to NYSACOP members at a discounted rate.

#### NG911 Public Safety Suite

- Bi-Directional Real-time Translation for Dispatch, Patrol, & Investigators
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Neil Blanchard, Senior Dispatcher  
Colonie, NY Police Department



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# Training Calendar

*Check out these training opportunities specially selected for New York State law enforcement leaders; with links for registration and questions. DO you have a training event you would like to share? Email us at [APB@nychiefs.org](mailto:APB@nychiefs.org)*

Post Critical Incident Seminar—Nov. 7-9 (Nassau Co.) [Register](#) [Questions](#)

MPTC Defensive Tactics Instructor Course—(Westchester Co.) Nov. 7-18 [Register](#) [Questions](#)

**Leadership Summit by NYSACOP and NYSSA**—Nov. 8-10 Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls, NY—*details coming soon*

MPTC Basic School Resource Officer Course—(Ontario Co.) Nov. 14-18 [Register](#) [Questions1](#) [Questions2](#)

Recognizing the Cannabis Impaired Motorist—Warren Co. March 1; Ulster Co. March 15; Oneida Co. April 19 (Prerequisite: SFST) [Register](#) [Questions](#)

Finding the Unfindable - Advanced Digital Investigations - Oneida County - November 29th—December 1st [ENVISAGE Acadis® \(ny.gov\)](#)

Principled Policing In Service

November 17th Erie County

November 18th Erie County [Principled Policing In-Service Erie Co Nov2022 \(alchemer.com\)](#)

December 1st Finger Lakes region

December 2nd Finger Lakes Region [Principled Policing In-Service Finger Lakes Dec 2022 \(alchemer.com\)](#)

December 7th Saratoga County

December 8th Saratoga County [Principled Policing In-Service Saratoga Co. Dec 2022 \(alchemer.com\)](#)

New York Law Enforcement Officers and the Law Practices and Procedures

Orange County November 30th [NY Law Enforcement and the Law - Fall 2022 \(alchemer.com\)](#)

Genesee County December 8th [NY Law Enforcement and the Law - Fall 2022 \(alchemer.com\)](#)

Disability Awareness Instructor - Monroe County January 31st to February 1st, Dutchess County March 20th—21st, Virtual December 5th—6th, February 6th—7th

Breath Analysis Operator Course—Rockland County - December 6th—8th

Webinar—Searching for digital evidence in your physical crime scene - Part 1 December 7th 1:00-3:00 pm

Part 2 December 21st 1:00—3:00 pm



*Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water*



On Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at approximately 09:33 AM, the Quogue Village Police responded to a report of dead shark on the Ocean Beaches in the Village of Quogue, between numbers 80 and 90 Dune Road. The shark is reported to be approximately 7-8 feet in length. The sighting was originally reported from an area resident on Dune Road. The shark was subsequently washed back out to sea before the Police could secure it. We have been in contact with South Fork Natural History Museum Shark Research and Education Program, who are attempting to monitor this situation along with our law enforcement partners.

At this time we are cautioning swimmers and boaters in the area to be aware of this ongoing situation, and to keep distance to allow the Law Enforcement to monitor this event. If the shark is spotted please contact the Quogue Village Police Department at 631-653-4791

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# **Blackout Wednesday**

**November 23, 2022**

This Thanksgiving, NHTSA and its partners are teaming up to keep you safe on the roads. A popular trend, Thanksgiving Eve, or “Blackout Wednesday,” highlights - and even encourages - the heavy consumption of alcohol on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. NHTSA is working hard to get the message out that Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.

Our goal is to assist our traffic safety advocates and to educate the public on the dangers and consequences of impaired driving.

Click [here](#) to download the 2022 campaign materials.



# SAVE THE DATES

**New York State Association of Chiefs of Police  
Annual Training Conference**

**The Desmond Crowne Plaza, Albany**

**July 16-19, 2023**



# Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative Solicitation Webinar

November 10, 2022, 2:00pm – 3:00pm, ET

The Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative (RVCRI) team is thrilled to announce the launch of the RVCRI Microgrant Application! RVCRI, funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and supported by the National Policing Institute and Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), provides microgrants and training and technical assistance (TTA) support to law enforcement agencies addressing violent crime challenges in rural areas. Awards will range from \$25,000 - \$150,000. Applications and awards will be made on a rolling cohort basis with the first cohort deadline being **December 15, 2022**. Additional information can be found on the RVCRI website at: [www.RuralVCRI.org](http://www.RuralVCRI.org).

On November 10, 2022, at 2:00pm ET, the RVCRI team will host a solicitation webinar to discuss the RVCRI microgrant application requirements and process. During this event, the RVCRI team will answer the following questions:

1. What is the RVCRI?
2. Who is the RVCRI Team?
3. Who is eligible to be a RVCRI micrograntee?
4. What are the duties of RVCRI micrograntees?
5. How do I apply to be a RVCRI micrograntee?
6. What are allowable costs under the RVCRI?
7. When are RVCRI applications due?
8. How can I contact the RVCRI team?

[Register here to attend the event.](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the RVCRI team at [RuralVCRI@policinginstitute.org](mailto:RuralVCRI@policinginstitute.org)



Please join our experts in Education and Law Enforcement

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For an Educational Overview of Alyssa's Law and the SaferWatch Mobile Panic Alert & Tip Reporting Solution

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When: Thursday, November 17, 2022

Time: 10am EST

RSVP LINK:

[State of New York SaferWatch Live Demo Via Zoom - SaferWatch \(saferwatchapp.com\)](https://www.saferwatchapp.com)

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**Niagara Falls Airbase, Niagara Falls, NY**  
**March 20th through 24th, 2023**



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**Chief Shawn Butler** - Auburn, NY PD/Retired and current Chief of Police for the Catawba Indian Nation Police shares his experience as a graduate of the Master's Program at University of San Diego;

**Lt. Steve Weiss** - NYPD/Retired talks about the relevance of the USD curriculum and the networking which has proven to be an invaluable resource to him. And Lt. Weiss is also an Instructor for USD!

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