



Sullivan County
Public Safety and Law Enforcement
Committee

100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

Meeting Agenda - Final

Chair Luis Alvarez
Vice Chair Nicholas Salomone Jr.
Committee Member Joseph Perrello
Committee Member Matt McPhillips
Committee Member Brian McPhillips

Thursday, February 5, 2026

10:00 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Comments:

Reports:

1. Division of Public Safety [ID-8130](#)

Attachments: [February 2026 Public Safety and Law Enforcement Committee report](#)

2. Bureau of Fire [ID-8120](#)

Attachments: [Public Safety Meeting 2-26](#)

3. EMS & 911 [ID-8123](#)

Attachments: [EMS AND 911 JAN 26](#)
[Year End EMS 25](#)
[Year End Fire 25](#)
[Year End Police 25](#)

4. Probation [ID-8101](#)

5. Sheriff

6. District Attorney

7. County Coroner

8. NYSP Update

Discussion:

Public Comment

Resolutions:

1. Urge The New York State Legislature to adopt Assembly Bills A6722 and A9150 [ID-8039](#)

Attachments: [Assembly 9150 and Senate Bill 8581](#)
[Assembly Bill A6722](#)
2. Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with Garnet Health Medical Center for morgue services [ID-8087](#)
3. RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH DUTCHESS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PROVIDE AN ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (“A-EMT”) TRAINING COURSE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS [ID-8116](#)

Adjourn



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Legislative Memorandum

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File #: ID-8130

Agenda Date: 2/5/2026

Agenda #: 1.

February 2026 Public Safety and Law Enforcement Committee

Commissioner's Report

- **I apologize for not being able to attend the Public Safety & Law Enforcement Committee. I will be at the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals training workshop learning about efforts and industry standards for combatting violent extremists.**
- **I want to begin by introducing our new Deputy Commissioner Ryan Fridlich. Ryan comes to us from the Sheriff's Office where he was detective as well as a member of the Emergency Services Unit, an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle pilot, among many other specialties. Ryan will focus primarily on Homeland Security and Domestic Terrorism Prevention, and lead a number of Public Safety Division departments. We are very excited to have Ryan aboard and anticipate he will contribute greatly to the division.**
- **We are near the end of the procurement process of a new Command Vehicle. In the effort of fiscal responsibility, we have obtained a motor caravan that we will be upfitting to meet division-wide needs. We look forward to the arrival of the new command vehicle this month.**
- **We continue to work with the Division of Planning, Community Development, and Environmental Management on the Hazard Mitigation Plan and as a member of the Risk Assessment Steering Committee.**



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Agenda Date: 2/5/2026

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Public Safety Meeting February 5, 2026

1. Still a busy month, Structure Fires, MVAs and Winter Storms, I want to thank all EMS, Fire, Police, DPW, Highway, DOT Workers and Dispatchers for an excellent job.
2. Training: Continues to go well we have several classes scheduled.
3. Continuing working on the Emergency Services Youth Academy scheduled for July 20th -24th.



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911 Center Report

1. Total dispatches for the year 2025
 - a. Fire 6699 dispatches
 - b. Law Enforcement 22,220 dispatches
 - c. EMS 21,972 dispatches
2. That is a 16% increase in dispatch activity from 2024. The largest contributor to that increase was the addition of the County EMS fly car program, and capturing an entire year of activity. There were also increases in incidents for the year which contributed. I'd like to commend our team of 911 dispatchers for absorbing this 16% increase and keeping the County safe.
3. We participated in the ICS401 and Tier 3 training held in January.
4. We "weathered" the snow storm of January 25-26. Despite us adding staffing for the storm, we appreciate that many heeded the warnings and we had few calls. I again want to commend our 911 team for braving the storm to ensure that our mission at 911 continues – to help our residents.
5. We were awarded a NYS DHSES targeted communications grant for \$2M which must be specifically used to enhance deployment of interoperability channels in our county. This is part of a statewide initiative and this grant represents our turn to enhance that system. We had requested \$3M however the award was reduced to \$2M so we will adjust our project accordingly.
6. The Sullivan County ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) group recently held a field day at Lake Superior Park on a frigid single digit temperature day. We work closely with this amateur radio team because they can be an asset during disasters and other large events. They were able to make over 100 radio contacts throughout the US with other ARES groups including one internationally to Uruguay.
7. We continue to work on many projects into 2026 including hardware upgrades, building of the Jeffersonville tower, and continued involvement in the broadband project.

Bureau of EMS report

1. We are awaiting guidance from NYS EMS on the format and requirements of NYS's requirement that each county submit an EMS comprehensive plan. I've been involved in those discussions and some of the language of the legislation is still being refined. I will keep this legislature informed as that process moves forward.
2. Our office has responded to assist on several school bus accidents in January, all very minor and in most cases no injuries transported.
3. The AEMT program is set to begin on March 1. There should be a resolution before you today approving an MOU with Dutchess Community College to provide that training. It is a 6-9 month program and goes to show the lengths our EMT's will go to continue to advance the level of care they provide to their community.
4. The Sullivan County EMS Council continues to meet monthly, and they are working to gain more membership and awareness in their organization. They are working on some initiatives to that end.
5. We participated in the first planning meeting of the 2026 youth academy to be held in July and look forward to planning another great event for our youth.



Sullivan County 911 Communications

EMS Dispatch Report

Year End 25



Ambulance Agencies		Jeffersonville	Cohecton	Livingston Manor	Lumberland	Mountaindale	Tusten	Neversink	Rock Hill	Roscoe/ Rockland	Bethel	Woodbourne	Mamakating	Highland EMS	Upper Delaware	Grahamsville	Catskill Hatzalah	Empress	County EMS	
Call Type																				Total
Abdominal Pain	4	3	29	4	9	8	13	18	2	38	5	92	8	7	5	3	264	146	658	
Allergic Reation	5	3	8	3	3	1	1	4	3	9	2	10	10	2	2	2	45	53	166	
Animal Bite	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	3	0	6	1	0	0	0	17	7	42	
Assault/Sexual Assault	1	0	12	5	5	2	5	15	1	16	3	20	3	0	5	3	101	43	240	
Back Pain	5	3	16	4	7	3	3	8	0	17	3	24	12	1	3	1	87	43	240	
Breathing Problems	30	9	73	9	31	16	29	45	9	79	13	177	16	10	10	37	667	550	1810	
Burns / Electrical	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	12	10	33	
Cardiac Arrest	11	7	13	4	5	6	7	9	4	21	3	28	6	10	2	4	117	153	410	
Cardiac Problem	5	0	9	7	2	1	4	9	1	11	0	44	6	0	4	5	93	105	306	
Chest Pain	19	4	47	8	16	3	15	24	7	62	15	105	16	4	10	26	444	378	1203	
Choking	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	1	4	1	7	2	2	0	1	31	32	89	
Diabetic	6	1	8	4	7	5	2	4	3	17	1	20	12	5	4	7	99	64	269	
Drowning/Water Related	0	0	1	3	0	3	2	1	0	2	2	0	3	0	0	3	3	5	28	
Eye Problems	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	11	0	20	
Fall	60	28	120	36	37	46	46	82	21	154	26	217	68	48	31	30	673	484	2207	
Headache	1	0	5	0	0	0	3	4	0	7	1	4	0	2	3	1	35	17	83	
Heat/Cold Emergencies	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	26	10	48	
Hemorrhage/Laceration	9	0	22	5	10	5	6	10	3	24	2	49	9	1	3	4	169	119	450	
Inaccessable/Entrapment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Medical Facilites	0	0	129	0	13	0	15	50	38	61	7	36	1	1	1	16	684	262	1314	
Mental Emergencies	14	6	54	7	8	14	19	25	3	49	10	75	16	10	17	7	370	96	800	
MVA	16	16	49	28	27	22	29	55	38	86	21	134	31	31	10	91	421	351	1456	
Overdose	2	3	31	2	12	1	10	10	1	16	10	21	4	4	11	11	151	123	423	
Poisoning/HAZMAT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Pregnancy	2	0	8	1	0	1	2	2	0	8	1	3	9	0	1	2	50	39	129	
Seizures	7	7	44	4	13	9	18	18	8	35	7	31	15	5	8	18	262	226	735	
Sick Person (Gen. III)	54	21	203	45	62	49	103	120	29	248	42	395	81	48	52	39	1563	866	4020	
Stab/GSW	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	1	1	3	0	2	0	0	1	2	22	16	54	
Stroke(CVA)	12	6	11	3	2	7	7	5	2	16	2	24	6	3	7	7	97	90	307	
Trauma	12	1	24	3	3	3	7	16	6	31	5	13	7	6	3	5	97	66	308	
Unconscious/Fainting	19	9	42	18	9	16	32	28	18	50	9	71	23	17	12	21	358	354	1106	
Unknown Medical	10	8	32	3	16	35	8	22	9	53	13	67	7	8	8	12	184	125	620	
Mutual Aid	8	30	2	43	17	30	8	219	87	55	157	142	8	10	107	0	1159	0	2082	
Standby	7	11	19	40	3	17	15	8	10	19	6	17	31	22	8	5	39	39	316	
Agency Totals	321	178	1017	292	325	307	415	816	306	1198	368	1840	414	260	328	364	8351	4872	21972	



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Fire Dispatch Report Year End 2025



Call Types	Departments			Callicoon Center	Claryville	Forestburgh	Grahamsville	Hankins	Highland Lake	Hortonville	Hurleyville	Jeffersonville	Kauneonga Lake	Kenoza Lake	Lake Huntington	Lava	Liberty	Livingston Manor	Long Eddy	Loch Sheldrake	Lumberland	Monticello	Mountandale	Narrowsbug	Neversink	North Branch	Rock Hill	Roscoe Rockland	Smallwood Mongaup Valley	Fallsburg	Summitville	Swan Lake	Westbrookville	White Lake	White Sulphur Springs	Woodbourne	Woodridge	Wurtsboro	Youngsville	Yulan	Total			
	Beaverkill Valley	Bloomingburg	Callicoon																																									
Activated Alarm	29	78	10	14	3	21	9	4	7	3	73	22	29	20	7	15	183	39	2	64	34	490	27	15	28	6	51	23	17	53	9	12	12	35	15	33	35	98	9	31	1665			
Aircraft Emergency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Bomb Threat/Found	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Brush Fire	0	8	0	0	1	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	5	4	6	8	4	1	6	15	0	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	2	1	5	3	9	3	5	109			
Cellar Pump Out	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
CO Detector	3	22	2	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	3	3	3	2	1	2	19	7	0	4	8	52	2	3	2	1	13	4	8	7	2	5	1	12	1	9	6	8	3	3	230			
Drowning/Water Rescue	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	4	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Dumpster/Trash Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	10	
Explosion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
HAZMAT	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Investigation	0	16	2	0	0	4	6	1	1	0	1	2	3	1	4	0	21	7	1	8	11	23	4	0	0	0	10	2	6	3	4	5	1	5	7	5	6	14	9	6	199			
LZ	1	3	0	0	3	0	4	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	2	1	3	2	8	2	2	1	2	2	4	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	2	3	1	0	2	63			
Medical	2	7	26	23	1	74	2	0	2	3	0	5	6	4	1	2	2	12	0	1	40	578	3	2	13	2	8	10	5	6	9	1	2	2	38	1	9	16	35	5	958			
Miscellaneous	0	2	1	2	1	4	2	0	2	0	0	1	2	2	0	1	8	0	0	4	1	32	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	7	3	0	1	2	1	1	3	1	5	2	96			
MVA	4	62	2	4	6	12	7	5	3	12	21	7	6	6	9	11	37	17	6	31	25	180	10	11	10	2	36	19	14	42	8	14	7	14	7	20	19	46	4	17	773			
Mutual Aid	2	31	33	8	4	11	32	23	101	28	30	20	42	2	16	15	18	22	0	28	43	45	0	25	22	4	39	29	19	111	30	7	11	49	14	10	108	35	13	30	1110			
Odor of Gas/Gas Leak	0	18	1	0	2	3	0	0	1	1	1	3	5	0	2	4	11	1	0	5	13	33	1	5	1	0	8	0	2	3	1	3	4	3	2	2	4	10	1	7	161			
Public Service Call	0	9	5	3	0	0	8	4	1	5	3	4	8	2	1	4	6	23	2	6	10	40	5	4	15	2	6	6	1	5	5	7	1	3	1	5	6	11	5	7	239			
Rescue	1	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	9	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	
Search for Lost Person	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	
Structural/Trench Collapse	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Structure Fire	0	20	5	2	1	2	2	1	0	3	1	0	5	0	2	7	35	4	2	16	3	67	2	6	5	1	13	7	5	17	4	3	0	4	9	9	10	8	3	4	288			
Traffic/Fire Police	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	22			
Tree/Wires/Pole	4	52	6	9	12	9	14	8	5	4	6	15	9	10	10	24	20	13	3	10	25	78	11	26	7	13	6	8	22	15	14	9	18	7	8	20	12	27	8	10	587			
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Vehicle Fire	0	9	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	10	2	0	2	3	23	1	0	2	0	8	4	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	5	2	12	1	1	1	101		
Total Fire Dispatches	49	345	97	66	37	146	91	56	127	61	140	84	123	52	60	95	389	162	22	185	230	1685	70	108	111	35	209	121	105	275	96	69	61	144	106	128	228	298	102	131	6699			

All data accurate +/- 2%



Sullivan County 911 Communications

Law Enforcement Activity Report

Year End 2025



	Sheriff	NYSP	LPD	MPD	FPD	WPD	EnCon	DEC	NYC DEP	NPS	Totals
Assist EMS	289	662	227	639	151	36	4	0	16	2	2026
Assist Fire	85	162	25	253	43	9	18	0	9	7	611
P-101 Abduction	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
P-102 Abuse/Abandonment/Neglect	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
P-103 Administrative	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
P-104 Alarms	14	42	3	3	4	3	0	0	0	0	69
P-105 Animal	53	130	16	15	17	5	3	0	8	1	248
P-106 Assault/Sexual Assault	26	31	14	18	11	1	0	0	0	0	101
P-107 Assist Other Agency	21	40	9	6	4	4	1	0	0	0	85
P-108 Bomb Found/Susp Package	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
P-109 Bomb Threat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P-110 Burglary	20	34	7	11	6	1	0	0	0	0	79
P-111 Damage/Vandalism/Mischief	3	8	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	18
P-112 Deceased Person	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
P-113 Disturbance	318	555	135	291	106	18	1	0	5	3	1432
P-114 Domestic Violence	315	751	109	233	193	13	3	0	10	1	1628
P-115 Driving Impaired	6	16	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	26
P-116 Drugs	2	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
P-117 Explosion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P-118 Fraud/Deception	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
P-119 Harassment/Stalking/Threat	9	32	4	13	5	2	0	0	0	0	65
P-120 Indecency/Lewdness	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
P-121 Mental Disorder	144	274	90	105	53	9	0	0	5	0	680
P-122 Miscellaneous	8	152	3	7	3	5	2	0	0	0	180
P-123 Missing/Found Person	28	44	4	8	7	1	2	0	0	3	97
P-124 Officer Needs Assistance	52	127	6	15	11	3	1	0	2	0	217
P-125 Public Svc	81	242	23	47	28	10	0	0	1	2	434
P-126 Robbery/Carjacking	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
P-127 Suicidal Persn/Att Suicide	16	48	8	6	7	1	0	0	0	0	86
P-128 Supplemental	9	347	1	0	2	1	4	0	1	0	365
P-129 Susp/Wanted Pers/Veh	60	133	14	52	25	4	0	0	3	0	291
P-130 Theft (Larceny)	33	40	10	13	5	1	0	0	1	0	103
P-131 MVA	486	1204	82	121	212	22	4	0	39	1	2171
P-132 Traffic Violation/Hazard	280	811	30	51	68	9	7	0	10	0	1266
P-133 Trespassing/Unwanted	95	146	12	68	24	3	1	0	0	1	350
P-134 Unknown Problem	108	207	41	77	60	5	2	0	3	0	503
P-135 Weapons/Firearms	28	42	4	19	7	1	1	0	0	1	103
P-Abandoned Call	694	1272	312	512	602	72	3	0	12	1	3480
P-Responder Safety	6	9	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	23
Transfers	773	1487	265	586	337	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3448
<i>Totals</i>	<i>4068</i>	<i>9064</i>	<i>1463</i>	<i>3184</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>20220</i>



Sullivan County

Legislative Memorandum

100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

File #: ID-8101

Agenda Date: 2/5/2026

Agenda #: 4.

Sullivan County

Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-8039

Agenda Date: 2/5/2026

Agenda #: 1.

Narrative of Resolution:

Urge The New York State Legislature to adopt Assembly Bills A6722 and A9150

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$0

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

If 'Yes,' specify appropriation code(s): N/A

If 'No,' specify proposed source of funds: N/A

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO URGE THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT ASSEMBLY BILLS A6722 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW, IN RELATION TO AUTHORIZING BAIL FOR PRINCIPALS CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND A9410 AND S8581 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PENAL LAW, THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW, THE EDUCATION LAW AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, IN RELATION TO THE CRIME OF AGGRAVATE CRUELTY TO ANIMALS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 353-A OF THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW RELATING THERETO

WHEREAS, the New York State Assembly is sponsoring two Bills A6722 and A9150 and S8185 and the New York Senate S8581 in relation to aggravated cruelty to animals, and

WHEREAS, A9150 and S8581 would strengthen protections for companion animals by relocating the aggravated cruelty to animals statute in the Agriculture and Markets law to the Penal law, making aggravated cruelty a class E violent felony offense under the Penal law,

WHEREAS, A6722 would authorize bail for principals charged with aggravated cruelty to animals.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Sullivan County Legislature supports Assembly Bill A9150 and Senate Bill 8581 , and Assembly Bill 6722 and urges the New York State Governor to sign these bills and make them into law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clerk of the legislative body be hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, State Assemblywoman Paula Kay, Assemblyman Brian Maher and State Senator Peter Oberacker.

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY
MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION
submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)

BILL NUMBER: A9150

SPONSOR: Berger

TITLE OF BILL:

An act to amend the penal law, the agriculture and markets law, the education law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the crime of aggravated cruelty to animals; and to repeal section 353-a of the agriculture and markets law relating thereto

PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL:

To strengthen protections for companion animals by relocating the aggravated cruelty to animals statute in the Agriculture and Markets law to the Penal law, making aggravated cruelty a class E violent felony offense under the Penal law.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

Section 1 of the bill repeals Agriculture and Markets Law § 353-a.

Section 2 of the bill creates a new Penal Law Article 243, "Offenses Against Animals," which does the following: defines "aggravated cruelty," "companion animal," and "farm animal," and establishes the crime of aggravated cruelty to animals, making it a class E felony when a person intentionally kills or causes serious physical injury to a companion animal with aggravated cruelty and without justifiable purpose.

Section 3 of the bill adds aggravated cruelty to animals to the list of class E violent felony offenses under Penal Law § 70.02.

Sections 4-6 of the bill make conforming amendments to Agriculture and Markets Law § 374, Education Law § 6714, and the NYC Administrative Code to update references.

Section 7 of the bill provides the effective date.

JUSTIFICATION:

New York first criminalized aggravated cruelty to animals in 1999. However, the statute has remained within the Agriculture and Markets Law rather than the Penal Law, limiting its recognition and enforcement. This bill modernizes and strengthens New York's commitment to animal welfare by (1) relocating aggravated cruelty to the Penal Law, signaling its seriousness alongside other violent crimes; (2) classifying aggravated cruelty to animals as a violent felony offense, ensuring stronger sentencing, predicate felony treatment, and broader prosecutorial tools; (3) clarifying statutory definitions and preserving exemptions for lawful hunting, fishing, farming, public health, and scientific research

activities.

Addressing aggravated cruelty to animals is not only a matter of protecting animal welfare; research and experience in law enforcement demonstrate a strong connection between cruelty to animals and violence toward people. A 2021 article in the FBI's Law Enforcement Bulletin emphasized that animal abuse is often a predictive or co-occurring crime with violence against humans and is associated with other violent offenses. The National Sheriffs' Association has likewise reported high overlap between households experiencing child abuse and incidents of animal cruelty. By updating this law, New York affirms that intentional acts of extreme cruelty against animals are violent crimes that endanger both animals and communities.

PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

New Bill.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

None.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect immediately.

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

October 17, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. BERGER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the penal law, the agriculture and markets law, the education law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the crime of aggravated cruelty to animals; and to repeal section 353-a of the agriculture and markets law relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. Section 353-a of the agriculture and markets law is
2 REPEALED.

3 § 2. The penal law is amended by adding a new article 243 to read as
4 follows:

5 ARTICLE 243

6 OFFENSES AGAINST ANIMALS

7 Section 243.00 Definitions.

8 243.05 Aggravated cruelty to animals.

9 § 243.00 Definitions.

10 For purposes of this article,

11 1. "Aggravated cruelty" shall mean conduct which: (a) is intended to
12 cause extreme physical pain; or (b) is done or carried out in an espe-
13 cially depraved or sadistic manner.

14 2. "Companion animal" shall mean any dog or cat, and shall also mean
15 any other domesticated animal normally maintained in or near the house-
16 hold of the owner or person who cares for such other domesticated
17 animal. "Companion animal" shall not include a "farm animal" as defined
18 in this section.

19 3. "Farm animal" shall mean any ungulate, poultry, species of cattle,
20 sheep, swine, goats, llamas, horses or fur-bearing animals, as defined
21 in section 11-1907 of the environmental conservation law, which are
22 raised for commercial or subsistence purposes. Fur-bearing animal shall
23 not include dogs or cats.

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

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1 § 243.05 Aggravated cruelty to animals.

2 1. A person is guilty of aggravated cruelty to animals when, with no
3 justifiable purpose, such person intentionally kills or intentionally
4 causes serious physical injury to a companion animal with aggravated
5 cruelty.

6 2. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit or
7 interfere in any way with anyone lawfully engaged in hunting, trapping,
8 or fishing, as provided in article eleven of the environmental conserva-
9 tion law, the dispatch of rabid or diseased animals, as provided in
10 article twenty-one of the public health law, or the dispatch of animals
11 posing a threat to human safety or other animals, where such action is
12 otherwise legally authorized, or any properly conducted scientific
13 tests, experiments, or investigations involving the use of living
14 animals, performed or conducted in laboratories or institutions approved
15 for such purposes by the commissioner of health pursuant to section
16 three hundred fifty-three of the agriculture and markets law.

17 3. Aggravated cruelty to animals is a class E felony.

18 § 3. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 of section 70.02 of the penal law,
19 as amended by chapter 7 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 (d) Class E violent felony offenses: an attempt to commit any of the
22 felonies of criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree as
23 defined in subdivision five, six, seven or eight of section 265.02 as a
24 lesser included offense of that section as defined in section 220.20 of
25 the criminal procedure law, persistent sexual abuse as defined in
26 section 130.53, aggravated sexual abuse in the fourth degree as defined
27 in section 130.65-a, falsely reporting an incident in the second degree
28 as defined in section 240.55 ~~[and]~~, placing a false bomb or hazardous
29 substance in the second degree as defined in section 240.61, and aggra-
30 vated cruelty to animals as defined in section 243.05.

31 § 4. Paragraph a of subdivision 8 of section 374 of the agriculture
32 and markets law, as amended by chapter 594 of the laws of 2003 and as
33 renumbered by chapter 479 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as
34 follows:

35 a. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, upon conviction
36 for any violation of section three hundred fifty-one, three hundred
37 fifty-three, ~~[three hundred fifty-three-a]~~ three hundred fifty-three-b,
38 three hundred fifty-five, three hundred fifty-six, three hundred fifty-
39 nine, three hundred sixty, three hundred sixty-one, three hundred
40 sixty-five or three hundred sixty-eight of this article or section
41 243.05 of the penal law, the convicted person may, after a duly held
42 hearing pursuant to paragraph f of this subdivision, be ordered by the
43 court to forfeit, to a duly incorporated society for the prevention of
44 cruelty to animals or a duly incorporated humane society or authorized
45 agents thereof, the animal or animals which are the basis of the
46 conviction. Upon such an order of forfeiture, the convicted person shall
47 be deemed to have relinquished all rights to the animals which are the
48 basis of the conviction, except those granted in paragraph d of this
49 subdivision.

50 § 5. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 6714 of the education
51 law, as amended by chapter 546 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read
52 as follows:

53 (a) When a veterinarian reasonably and in good faith suspects that a
54 companion animal's injury, illness or condition is the result of animal
55 cruelty in violation of section three hundred fifty-one~~[,]~~ or three
56 hundred fifty-three ~~[or three hundred fifty-three-a]~~ of the agriculture

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1 and markets law or section 243.05 of the penal law, the veterinarian
2 shall report the incident and disclose records concerning the companion
3 animal's condition and treatment to any officer or agent authorized
4 pursuant to sections three hundred seventy-one and three hundred seven-
5 ty-three of the agriculture and markets law to respond to and investi-
6 gate complaints of animal cruelty. The identity of such veterinarian
7 making a report pursuant to this paragraph shall only be made available
8 to an officer or agent authorized pursuant to section three hundred
9 seventy-one or three hundred seventy-three of the agriculture and
10 markets law.

11 § 6. Paragraph 3 of subdivision a of section 17-1601 of the adminis-
12 trative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 4
13 of the city of New York for the year 2014, is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 3. aggravated cruelty to animals, as defined in section [~~three hundred~~
16 ~~fifty-three-a~~] 243.05 of the [~~agriculture and markets~~] penal law;

17 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

A 9150 Berger Same as S 8581 COMRIE Penal Law TITLE.....Makes aggravated cruelty to animals a class E felony; repealer 10/17/25 referred to agriculture	S8581 COMRIE Same as A 9150 Berger ON FILE: 11/14/25 Penal Law TITLE.....Makes aggravated cruelty to animals a class E felony; repealer 11/14/25 REFERRED TO RULES
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BERGER, MCDONALD, KAY, PAULIN, CONRAD
Rpld §353-a, amd §374, Ag & Mkts L; add Art 243 §§243.00 - 243.05, amd §70.02, Pen L; amd §6714, Ed L;
amd §17-1601, NYC Ad Cd
Makes aggravated cruelty to animals a class E violent felony offense; defines terms; makes technical changes.
CRIMINAL SANCTION IMPACT.

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY
MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION
submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)

BILL NUMBER: A6722

SPONSOR: Kay

TITLE OF BILL:

An act to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to authorizing bail for principals charged with aggravated cruelty to animals

PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL:

Authorizes bail for principals charged with aggravated cruelty to animals

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

Section 1 amends paragraph (u) of subdivision 4 of section 510.10 of the criminal procedure law, as added by section 2 of subpart B of part UU of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022 and adds new paragraph (v)

Section 2 amends subparagraph (xxi) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 530.20 of the criminal procedure law, as added by section 4 of subpart c of part UU of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022 and adds new subparagraph (xxii).

Section 3 amends paragraph (u) of subdivision 4 of section 530.40 of the criminal procedure law, as added by section 4 of subpart B of part UU of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022 and adds new paragraph (v).

Section 4 establishes the effective date.

JUSTIFICATION:

Aggravated cruelty to animals, commonly known as animal cruelty is a heinous crime against an innocent creature that is unlikely or unable to defend itself. As such, those who commit this crime are especially evil and liable to commit this crime or another serious crime again before their trial since there are no safeguards to prevent someone charged with this crime from purchasing or finding another animal to abuse the day they are released pending their trial.

According to the FBI, 75% of abused women with pets reported a history of their pet being threatened or intentionally harmed by their abuser, with children being present and witnessing that violence over 90% of the time. Additionally, animal cruelty is a strong predictor of current and future violence, including assault, rape, murder, arson, domestic violence, and sexual abuse of children. In some cases, such as sexual abuse, it is a better predictor than homicide.

Currently, aggravated cruelty to animals is not bail eligible. This

legislation intends to restore judicial discretion in cases of suspected animal cruelty.

PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

2023-24: A.5820

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

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EFFECTIVE DATE:

Immediately

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

March 11, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. KAY, SLATER -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to authorizing
bail for principals charged with aggravated cruelty to animals

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (u) of subdivision 4 of section 510.10 of the
2 criminal procedure law, as added by section 2 of subpart B of part UU of
3 chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended and a new paragraph (v) is
4 added to read as follows:

5 (u) criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree as defined in
6 subdivision three of section 265.02 of the penal law or criminal sale of
7 a firearm to a minor as defined in section 265.16 of the penal law[-];

8 or

9 (v) aggravated cruelty to animals as defined in section three hundred
10 fifty-three-a of the agriculture and markets law.

11 § 2. Subparagraph (xxi) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section
12 530.20 of the criminal procedure law, as added by section 4 of subpart C
13 of part UU of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended and a new
14 subparagraph (xxii) is added to read as follows:

15 (xxi) criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree as defined
16 in subdivision three of section 265.02 of the penal law or criminal sale
17 of a firearm to a minor as defined in section 265.16 of the penal
18 law[-]; or

19 (xxii) aggravated cruelty to animals as defined in section three
20 hundred fifty-three-a of the agriculture and markets law.

21 § 3. Paragraph (u) of subdivision 4 of section 530.40 of the criminal
22 procedure law, as added by section 4 of subpart B of part UU of chapter
23 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended and a new paragraph (v) is added to
24 read as follows:

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

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- 1 (u) criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree as defined in
2 subdivision three of section 265.02 of the penal law or criminal sale of
3 a firearm to a minor as defined in section 265.16 of the penal law[~~u~~];
4 or
5 (v) aggravated cruelty to animals as defined in section three hundred
6 fifty-three-a of the agriculture and markets law.
7 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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Criminal Procedure Law

TITLE....Authorizes bail for principals charged with aggravated cruelty to animals

03/11/25 referred to codes

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Amd §§510.10, 530.20 & 530.40, CP L

Authorizes bail for principals charged with aggravated cruelty to animals.

CRIMINAL SANCTION IMPACT.

Sullivan County

Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-8087

Agenda Date: 2/5/2026

Agenda #: 2.

Narrative of Resolution:

Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with Garnet Health Medical Center for morgue services

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$74,787.33

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

If 'Yes,' specify appropriation code(s): 1185-47-4719 - \$39,788 - 2026 Budget

If 'No,' specify proposed source of funds: \$35,000 from contingent

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
TO MODIFY RESOLUTION NO. 243-24 WITH GARNET HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER FOR
MORGUE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 243-24 authorized the County Manager to execute a MOU with Garnet Health Medical Center, 68 Harris-Bushville Road, Harris, NY 12742, for accessing the morgue facility and to provide related histopathology and radiology services for the contract period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, with the option to extend on a yearly basis; and

WHEREAS, the funding amount referenced for the 2026 year in the original resolution needs to be amended; and

WHEREAS, the correct funding amount for the 2026 year should read \$74,787.32; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute a modification agreement with Garnet Health Medical Center as follows:

1. The term of the modification shall be for one year, January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, with the option to extend on a yearly basis.
2. The County shall pay Garnet Health Medical Center an all-inclusive fee of (\$74,787.32) for the 2026 year for access to and use of its morgue and for provision of histopathology and radiology services; and
3. Effective January 1, 2027, all contract extensions shall revert back to the 2% increase of the prior year's annual fee of \$39,787.32.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2026 Operating Budget be modified as follows for the purpose of funding the remaining unbudgeted balance associated with this agreement:

Increase A-1185-47-4719 \$35,000.00

Decrease A-1989-99-47-4736 \$35,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Resolution #243-24 is hereby modified as per the above and other provisions

of resolution #243-24 shall remain unchanged and said modification agreement be in such form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Sullivan County

Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-8116

Agenda Date: 2/5/2026

Agenda #: 3.

Narrative of Resolution:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH DUTCHESS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PROVIDE AN ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN ("A-EMT") TRAINING COURSE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$50,000.00

Are funds already budgeted? No

If 'Yes,' specify appropriation code(s): Click or tap here to enter text.

If 'No,' specify proposed source of funds: NYSDOH Grant

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures: Per DOH workplan sole source

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH DUTCHESS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PROVIDE AN ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN ("A-EMT") TRAINING COURSE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature recognizing the critical need for well-trained Emergency Medical Technicians and Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (A-EMTs) within Sullivan County to maintain a high level of emergency care for our residents; and

WHEREAS, Dutchess County Community College offers an A-EMT training program that serves as a valuable pipeline for producing qualified and well-trained emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to enter into an agreement with Dutchess County Community College to provide an A-EMT course in conjunction with SUNY Sullivan located here in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County is the recipient of a New York State Department of Health Emergency Medical Services (NYS DOH EMS) sustainability grant award which will fund a large portion of this AEMT program; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is expected to increase local interest and participation in emergency medical services, thereby strengthening the public health and emergency response capabilities within the county;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Dutchess County Community College to provide AEMT training **with a total cost to the County not to exceed \$50,000**, which may cover personnel costs, tuition, books and equipment, subject to form approved by the County Attorney's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this A-EMT funding program will be administered by the Sullivan County Bureau of EMS/Division of Public Safety subject to the terms of the NYS DOH EMS sustainability grant program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the NYS DOH EMS sustainability grant funding be terminated the County of

Sullivan shall not be obligated to continue any action undertaken by the use of this funding