

Commissioner's August 2025 report to Public Safety and Law Enforcement Committee

Good morning everyone. First, I want to acknowledge the incredible level of commitment exhibited by our law enforcement, EMS, and fire service partners this summer. The demand has been unprecedented; however, the dedication and level of service is second-to-none.

- Monday, August 4th saw the beginning of our new government security improvements. This includes two additional deputies and a Building Safety Monitor, as well as the new walk-through weapons detection system and x-ray bag scanner. This is providing a high-level of protection to the visitors and employees while minimizing the intrusiveness of the screening. We made sure that we procured not just the most state-of-the-art weapons detection system, but one that causes no delay to access – keeping in mind the need for open government as well as employee convenience.
- Myself and two members of the Sheriff's Office attended the New York State UAS Summit in Syracuse where we worked with state and local law enforcement partners as well as the FAA to improve our drone program.
- We are working with our partners on a number of events this summer throughout the County.
- We are working diligently on a multi-agency exercise this fall at the Center for Discovery where we will test our K-9, Drone, and search capabilities
- Our regional domestic terrorism prevention team meeting was held in Greene County, with a number of agencies present
- It is with great pride that I announce that Alex Rau was recently recognized with the Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council's 2024 Harriet Weber EMS Leadership Award!! A major commendation that is certainly well deserved!