

March, 2026

Commissioner of Public Safety

Report to Public Safety and Law Enforcement Committee

- The Division, along with the Division of Public Works and the County Manager's Office continue to meet to examine ways to provide a safe and secure environment in the Government Center, particularly focusing on special events and customer service.
- Departments within the Division met with leadership at Garnet Medical to discuss emergency planning and preparedness, as well as drills and training.
- The Threat Assessment Team has participated in a number of training courses.
- County leadership are working to advocate for continued funding through the State Emergency Preparedness Grant Program and the State Homeland Security Grant Program in light of recent development that those two grant programs will likely not be renewed.
- Intense work continues toward the development of the Hazard Mitigation Plan lead by the Division of Planning, Community Development and Environmental Management.
- Collaboration with Public Health is ongoing to further enhance partnerships in Public Health Emergency Preparedness.
- The Public Safety Health and Wellness Coordinator has completed the health & wellness survey with the Sheriff's Office, and we are examining the results to develop a long-term plan to improve overall support services for emergency responders.
- Along with the Division of Planning, Community Development and Environmental Management, and the Division of Public Works, we are moving forward on pond remediation to ensure the pond at the Public Safety Training Center can continue to provide mandatory water supply for training evolutions at the Fire Training Tower.
- The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management attended the Counter Terrorism Zone meeting.
- In furthering the Sheriff's continued mission to foster a safe, progressive, and technologically advanced Sheriff's Office, we are in the second phase of researching Body Worn Cameras for that agency. In May of 2025 we attended in-person demonstrations from potential vendors and began discussions on which product best suits our needs. We are currently working on researching a number of grants to identify funding streams, if possible. This includes multiple grant research platforms, the Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Assistance, (DOJ BJA), as well as the Department of Justice - Community Oriented Policing Services (DOJ COPS). We will have a further report for this body as we make further strides in our research.

2/3/26 – 2/16/26:

- Dog – 4
- Raccoon – 1
- Cat – 2

Locations: (3 townships/ 1 unknown)

- Thompson (2)
- Mamakating (1)
- Fallsburg – (2)
- Unknown – (1)