

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.