



# Sullivan County

## Public Safety and Law Enforcement Committee

### Meeting Minutes - Final

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

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Thursday, January 16, 2025

10:00 AM

Government Center

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#### Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Alvarez called the Public Safety and Law Enforcement Committee meeting to order at 10:04AM.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** Luis Alvarez, Nicholas Salomone Jr., Joseph Perrello, Matt McPhillips and Brian McPhillips

#### Comments:

Cat Scott, Nadia Rajsasz, Amanda Ward, Terry Bernardo

Joshua Potosek, Michelle Huck, Dan Hust, Robert Freehill, Sharon Jankiewicz, Scott Schulte, John Hauschild, Alex Rau, Pennie Huber, Albee Bockman, Melissa Stickle, Camille O'Brien

Ken Walter, Star Hesse, Jerry Stevens, Martha Scoppa, Lou Setren, Tim Dymond, Sandy Oxford, Ruby R.

#### Reports:

1. Division of Public Safety [ID-7068](#)

**Attachments:** [January 2025 report Pub Safety](#)

Scott Schulte, Commissioner of Public Safety gave an update on the Division of Public Safety.

2. Bureau of Fire [ID-7077](#)

**Attachments:** [Public Safety Meeting 1-25](#)

3. E-911 and EMS [ID-7081](#)

**Attachments:** [January 2025 911 and EMS Reports](#)

4. Probation

[ID-7101](#)

**Attachments:** [PROBATION MONTHLY REPORT December 24](#)

Pennie Huber gave an update on the Probation Department. She also extended her condolences to the Family of Doug Ketchum.

5. Opioid Monthly Report

[ID-7107](#)

**Attachments:** [Monthly Legislative Safety Committee Agenda Presentation-1-2025](#)

Both Melissa Stickle and Camille O'Brien gave an update to their monthly report.

6. Coroner's Office

Albee Bockman gave an update on the Coroner's Office.

Sheriff's Office

**ID-7111**

Sheriff Schiff gave an update on the Sheriff's Office.

7. NYSP Update

No one was present from the New York State Police.

**Discussion:**

**Public Comment**

1. Star Hesse made a public comment.
2. Jack Harb made a public comment.
3. Timothy Dymond made a public comment.
4. Sandra Oxford made a public comment.

At this point, Matt McPhillips left the meeting at 11:03AM.

At this point, Nicholas Salomone left the meeting at 11:09am and returned at 11:11am.

5. Ken Walter made a public comment.
6. Lou Setren made a public comment.

**Resolutions:**

1. To create (1) new Deputy Fire Coordinator position within the Division of Public Safety; a position assigned to support special operations, focused on complex rescues and emerging technologies in first response..end

[ID-7074](#)

Brian McPhillips moved resolutions #1 through #3 in a block, seconded by Nicholas Salomone, all in favor 4-0.

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 1/23/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Alvarez, Vice Chairman Salomone, District 7 Legislator Perrello and District 3 Legislator McPhillips

**Absent:** District 1 Legislator McPhillips

2. To Authorize Approval for One-Time and Recurring Funding for UAS and Communications Technology for the Division of Public Safety [ID-7076](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 1/23/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Alvarez, Vice Chairman Salomone, District 7 Legislator Perrello and District 3 Legislator McPhillips

**Absent:** District 1 Legislator McPhillips

3. Approve double time for Correction Officers working overtime at the Sullivan County Jail for the period between February 1, 2025 - July 31, 2025 [ID-7082](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 1/23/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Alvarez, Vice Chairman Salomone, District 7 Legislator Perrello and District 3 Legislator McPhillips

**Absent:** District 1 Legislator McPhillips

4. To create (1) new Deputy Fire Coordinator position within the Division of Public Safety; a position assigned to support special operations, focused on complex rescues and emerging technologies in first response..end [ID-7074](#)

This resolution was not voted on as it is a duplicate of #1.

### Adjourn

There being no further business, Joseph Perrello moved to adjourn, seconded by Brian McPhillips. The Public Safety and Law Enforcement Committee was adjourned at 11:17am