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Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety

Report to Public Safety and Law Enforcement Committee

- Members of both DPS and the Sheriff's Office recently attended the NYAHN Annual Hostage Negotiation Conference in Buffalo. We sat in on after-action reviews of real-world hostage negotiations, heard from doctors and subject matter experts on different methods for handling high-stress incidents, learned body-calming techniques to use in the field, and covered mental health and wellbeing for first responders during after-action scenarios.
- DPS recently took delivery of a sandbagger, from DHSES, to utilize during flooding or other natural disasters where sandbags can aid in recovery and mitigation.
- Acting Commissioner Fridlich, assisted Director of Communications Hust with Drone promotional video of the airport which was recently on display at NBAA Trade Show.
- Members of DPS, along with local and state law enforcement agencies from Sullivan, Ulster, and Orange counties, attended the annual Hatzolah summer kickoff meeting. We talked about mutual aid, working together, and identifying Hatzolah volunteers. We also welcomed the new NYSP command staff to the area.
- Members of the Chamber of Commerce attended a leadership program covering all areas of the Division. Deputy Commissioner Rau, along with Director of Safety and Fire Coordinator Hauschild, spoke on their areas of expertise in fire and 911/EMS. Acting Commissioner Fridlich, and Deputy Barrett discussed the use of drones in public safety and how they aid not just first responder safety but also the public's safety during SAR missions, large event security, and other mission sets. This included a demonstration of the heavy lift drone deploying a generator to a remote area.