



Sullivan County Public Safety & Law Enforcement Committee

100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

Meeting Agenda - Final

Chairman Nicholas Salomone Jr.
Vice Chairman George Conklin
Committee Member Ira Steingart
Committee Member Nadia Rajsz
Committee Member Michael Brooks

Thursday, October 5, 2023

9:00 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Comments:

Reports:

1. **Division of Public Safety**
2. **Opioid Task Force**
3. **Sullivan County Sheriff**
4. **Sullivan County District Attorney**
5. **County Coroner**
6. **NYSP Update**

Discussion:

Public Comment

Resolutions:

1. TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH CATSKILL ANIMAL INC TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR SEIZED ANIMALS, OTHER THAN DOGS [ID-5828](#)
2. TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ELDRED CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MONTICELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS [ID-5829](#)

3. TO APPROVE A POLICY ADDITION TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY 911 STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES RELATED TO 9-8-8 DIVERSION [ID-5830](#)

Attachments: [701 mental health](#)
[701 HELPLINE FLOW CHART 05262021](#)

4. TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO BECOME SWORN PEACE OFFICERS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW YORK STATE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW 2.10 [ID-5838](#)

Adjourn



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Legislative Memorandum

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File #: ID-5828

Agenda Date: 10/5/2023

Agenda #: 1.

Narrative of Resolution:

TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH CATSKILL ANIMAL RESCUE INC TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR SEIZED ANIMALS, OTHER THAN DOGS

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$60,000.00

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

WHEREAS, from time to time, in the course of their official duties, the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office and the Sullivan County Probation Department are required to seize animals; and

WHEREAS, when animals are seized as part of the County’s legal responsibilities, the County is obligated to make arrangements for providing appropriate and proper care for the animals; and

WHEREAS, Catskill Animal Rescue, Inc responded to RFP 23-32; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to enter into a contract with Catskill Animal Rescue for a two-year period commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, with the option to renew annually for three (3) additional years at an amount not to exceed \$60,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Manager is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Catskill Animal Rescue for a period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, with the option to renew annually for three (3) additional years at an amount not to exceed \$60,000 per year, to provide accommodations for seized animals other than dogs seized by the County as part of the responsibilities of the Sheriff’s Office, Probation Department or otherwise required by law, said agreement to be in a form approved by the County Attorney.



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Narrative of Resolution:

TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ELDRED CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MONTICELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: Click or tap here to enter text.

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office has in the past provided one or more Deputy Sheriffs as School Resource Officers to the Eldred Central School District and the Monticello School District; and

WHEREAS, due to the success of the program and the need for law enforcement in these districts, Eldred and Monticello School Districts desire to continue to have one or more School Resource Officers on their campuses commencing with the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Monticello School District has requested to have two (2) additional School Resource Officers on their campus for the term of September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office recommends that the County enter into agreements with Eldred and Monticello School Districts to provide up to two (2) School Resource Officers in Eldred School District and up to four (4) School Resource Officers in the Monticello School District commencing with the 2023-24 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Districts will reimburse the County of Sullivan 70% of the School Resource Officers cost, with a maximum reimbursement of \$70,000 per deputy and additionally up to \$2,000.00 per deputy for training costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Manager is hereby authorized to execute School Resource Officer agreements with Eldred and Monticello School Districts for the 2023-24 school year, renewable on an annual basis for up to three (3) additional years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said agreements shall be in such form as approved by the County Attorney.



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Agenda #: 3.

Narrative of Resolution:

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Mental Health provides for regional suicide prevention and mental health crisis helplines throughout NYS, also known as 9-8-8, which is an over-the-phone resource for individuals suffering from a mental health crisis or condition, and

WHEREAS, Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health serves as the regional 9-8-8 call center location for callers in the Sullivan County area, and

WHEREAS, 9-8-8 calls are answered by mental health professionals that are trained to mitigate and connect callers experiencing a mental health crisis with the help and services they require, and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County 911, like several other 911 centers have done successfully in NYS, wishes to implement a 9-8-8 diversion program of mental health callers of lower acuity in order to connect them for evaluation and referral by 9-8-8 mental health professionals, and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County EMS & Law Enforcement leadership has endorsed this policy as a means of connecting callers with lower acuity mental health needs with mental health professionals; thereby reserving resources for higher acuity calls, and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Deputy Commissioner Melissa Stickle has been involved in developing this policy along with her office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached policy for 9-8-8 diversion is approved by the Sullivan County Legislature as an addition to the Sullivan County 911 Center Standard Operating Guidelines.

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$0

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

No procurement necessary



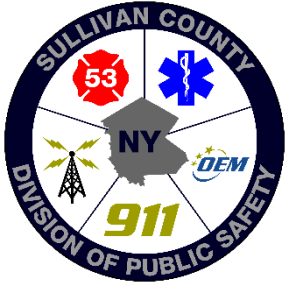
SULLIVAN COUNTY 911 COMMUNICATIONS

Subject: Mental Health Call Diversion (Helpline)		
Section: 701	Revised:	Established: 8/30/23

POLICY: To establish a process for the diversion of persons in Sullivan County having a mental health emergency who do not require an immediate EMS or Law Enforcement Response to the 988 Helpline for further interview.

PROCEDURE:

1. Dispatch staff shall create a Call for Service in the CAD system.
2. Dispatch staff shall obtain answers to Preliminary call entry questions using open-ended questioning.
3. Should the caller present with an apparent mental health emergency with no other obvious need for a Police, Fire or EMS response the incident can be further evaluated for a Helpline transfer.
4. If the caller/patient is non-violent and cooperative and also there are no weapons involved the caller should be screened for a possible Helpline transfer.
5. Staff will use the latest Helpline Diversion Procedure questionnaire and flow chart, concluding with offer of a voluntary transfer to Helpline.
6. Should the caller agree to a Helpline Transfer, call will be transferred to Helpline using 845-486-9057.
7. The caller will be introduced to the Helpline representative and the Call Taker will provide CFS number and a brief summary of the incident.
8. The Call Taker will assign the Call for Service Type of "Non Emergency" and tag the Call for Service with the disposition code of "988 Helpline".



SULLIVAN COUNTY E-911 COMMUNICATIONS

SULLIVAN COUNTY AIRPORT

Address: 76 COUNTY ROUTE 183A, SWAN LAKE, NY 12783

Mailing: PO BOX 5012, MONTICELLO, NY 12701

ALEX RAU
E-911 COORDINATOR
TEL: (845) 807-0508

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Public Safety Commissioner
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HELPLINE DIVERSION PROCEDURE

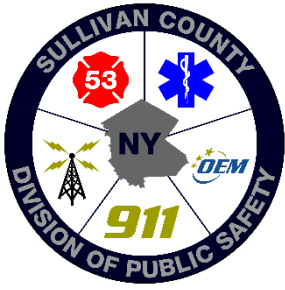
For use with 1st or 2nd party callers for EDP/Psychiatric related calls where there are no weapons involved and the caller is:

- non violent
- cooperative

Must use questionnaire to qualify for transfer to Helpline. If transferred to helpline:

- Use Script
- Give CFS
- Introduce caller and provide relevant details
- Add disposition "911 Helpline"

Transfer Script: "It sounds like it would be helpful if you could talk to someone for a little longer to help sort through what the best option is for you. Would it be okay if I connect you to the 988 Helpline?"



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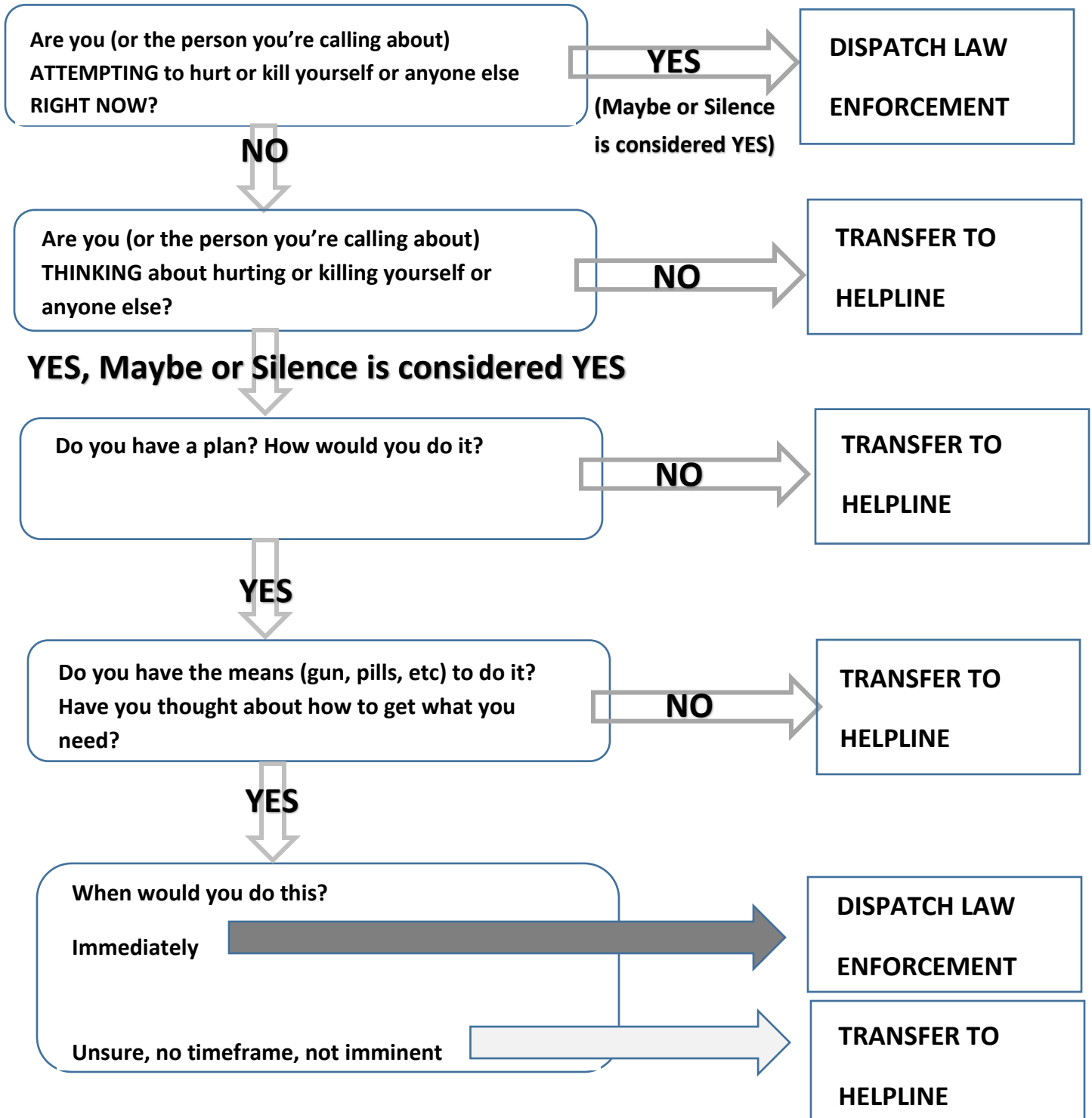
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Narrative of Resolution:

To authorize the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety to become sworn Peace Officers pursuant to the provisions of the New York State Criminal Procedure Law 2.10

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$3,000 Estimated

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures: N/A

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO BECOME SWORN PEACE OFFICERS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW YORK STATE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW 2.10

WHEREAS, the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Sullivan County Division of Public Safety in their respective titles have assumed the responsibility of providing emergency response to the scene of man-made or natural disasters throughout Sullivan County as the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner, and Deputy Commissioner in his absence, chair the Sullivan Threat Assessment Committee charged with targeted violence threat assessment and management, and domestic terrorism prevention; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 14 of the Defense Emergency Act 1951 Chapter 784-51, “every political subdivision shall have power to assist in the effectuation of any matter undertaken”; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner encounter highly-sensitive information during coordination with law enforcement agencies; and while on-scene, and in an attempt to secure the scene, often must make immediate decisions to protect the safety of the citizens and visitors of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, various provisions of law prohibit the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner from participating in law enforcement sensitive training courses and carrying out essential duties during a declared State of Emergency, including but not limited to closing roadways, built facilities and other areas; and

WHEREAS, during times of a declared State of Emergency, or in preparation for a disaster, the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner must be empowered to freely traverse Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Public Safety recognizes that Peace Officers are authorized to carry out the essential duties pursuant to Criminal Procedure Law; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.10 of Criminal Procedure Law reads: *“Peace Officers designated pursuant to the provisions of the New York State Defense Emergency Act, as set forth in chapter seven hundred eighty-four of the laws of nineteen hundred fifty-one, as amended, when acting pursuant to their special duties during a period of attack or imminent attack by enemy forces, or during official drills called to combat natural or man-made disasters, or during official drills in preparation for an attack by enemy forces or in preparation for an attack by enemy forces or in preparation for a natural*

or man-made disaster”; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Division of Public Safety has determined that public interest would be better served if the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner were sworn Peace Officers, with requisite training and education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner are hereby authorized to become sworn Peace Officers and carry out all duties of a Peace Officer in accordance with the New York State Criminal Procedure Law, effective immediately.