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President's Report

I recently had the opportunity to visit the headquarters for the Defense Logistics Agency's (DLA) Disposition Services located in the Hart-Dole-Inouye Federal Center in Battle Creek, Michigan. DLA Disposition Services disposes of excess property received from the military services. The inventory changes daily and includes thousands of items: from air conditioners to vehicles, clothing to computers, and much more. In FY2008, over 56,000 military units and organizations turned in over 3.5 million items to DLA. That property is first offered for reutilization within the Department of Defense (DoD), transfer to other federal agencies, or donation to state and local governments and other qualified organizations. In FY 2008, \$2.2 billion worth of property was reutilized. DLA also supports disaster relief at home, and humanitarian assistance as well as foreign military sales programs.



President Michael C. Biasotti
Chief, New Windsor PD

One program which falls under the DLA's purview, that I believe is very useful to law enforcement today is the Night Vision Device (NVD) Loan Lease Program. The program was established to assist federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in obtaining night vision equipment to accommodate yearly budget costs. The refurbished, military night vision equipment is leased out yearly for a

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Have You Seen Our New Plates?



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number is available in the
"CHF" series



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Executive Director's Report

The recent hurricane is obviously occupying all the attention of many NYSACOP members especially in the NYC metro and Long Island area. However, rather than trying to interrupt them now to try and get some first hand accounts of how they had to deal with the storm, we will wait and try and get some detailed information for the next issue of the *Police Chief Executive* newspaper.

Consolidation continues to be discussed in a variety of municipalities around the State. In most cases, communities still usually end up deciding that the modest tax increase for maintaining a local police department is worth the price. The value of direct access and local control remains very attractive to most residents our municipalities. What we are seeing in many cases is that communities who rely on part time officers to

fill part of their staffing requirements are already getting the most cost effective coverage. There is just no way a larger agency that relies entirely on full time personnel can duplicate the coverage of an agency that keeps a number of part time officers despite any economies that some claim can be achieved through consolidation.

Most recently in Onondaga County, residents of the Village of East Syracuse overwhelmingly turned down an attempt to consolidate their police department with the Town of Dewitt. In Albany County, residents of the Town of Coeymans came out in im-

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John P. Grebert
Executive Director

Deputy Director's Report

Please save the date for our Annual Training Conference scheduled for July 21 - 24, 2013 at the High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid, NY. We are preparing an outstanding agenda that we are confident will be most impressive.



Richard P. Carey, Deputy Director

Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Liaison Report

Training in Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety for Law Enforcement – November 5 & 6, 2012 – Albany, NY: The Capital District Transportation Committee of Albany is sponsoring a 2-day training program entitled, *Training in Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety for Law Enforcement* at the New York State Police Academy, 1220 Washington Avenue, Albany. The training is available to law enforcement agencies in the counties of Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer and Saratoga and will take place on Monday & Tuesday, November 5th & 6th from 8 AM–4 PM. In this course officers will learn about the

“What, Where, When, How, Who & Why” of walking and bicycling, crash reporting, and pedestrian and bicycle specific laws. The training is free and lunch is provided. To register contact: [Jason Purvis](#) at (518) 458-2161.

Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) Workshop – November 13-15, 2012 – Kingston, NY: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in cooperation with GTSC will host a DDACTS Implementation Workshop, November 13-15, 2012 at the Ulster County

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Dominick G. Macherone
Governor's Traffic
Safety Committee

Research, Development & Training Report

Work is underway to produce a training video for police on Ignition Interlock Devices. The Association received a grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for the project which will provide an overview of ignition interlock technology, terminology, procedures and enforcement issues. Since the passage of Leandra's Law about two years ago, several agencies have made arrests for aggravated DWI when drivers had a child less than 16 in the car. The ignition interlock provision of the law became effective in August 2010. Since that time there have been

about 30,000 interlocks ordered installed, but the actual installation rate is about 30%, equating to about 9,000 devices. Some reasons for the low installation rate is that offenders are opting to sell their car or perhaps transfer title, and some are outright defying the order.

Our podcast series on *The Value of Police Crash Reports in Highway Safety* continues to be a hit. To date the series has received more than 18,000 hits. A few weeks ago

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Mark A. Spawn
Director of Research,
Development and Training

Tid Bits:

In doing what we ought
we deserve no praise,
because it is our duty.

St. Augustine (354-430)
Philosopher

I always turn to the sports
page first. The sports
page records people's
accomplishments; the
front page nothing but
man's failures.

Earl Warren (1891-1974)
Chief Justice
U.S. Supreme Court

Welcome New Members:

Assistant Chief
Dapo Adurogbola
SUNY College
of Optometry

Chief Stanley Carwile
Depew PD

Member's Forum Activity

The Associations' Member's Forum is your link to our membership: pose a question, discuss an issue, promote a program, or seek out advice. If you missed them, here's some of the Member's Forum activity for the month of October:

- 848 Public Safety Answering Points Grants
- 850 NYWLE Annual Conference
- 851 New York State Department of Health
Guidance to a Suspicious Package
Incident
- 852 NYS Governor's Conference on
Emergency Preparedness
- 853 Declaration of Regional Emergency
Notice



Not receiving Member's Forum messages?
Send an e-mail to [Deputy Director Richard
Carey](#).

FDA warns about serious blood disorder resulting from misuse of Opana ER

[10-11-2012] The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently became aware of cases of a serious blood disorder that occurred in individuals abusing the prescription pain medicine Opana ER (oxymorphone hydrochloride extended-release tablets) by injecting the drug into their bloodstream. This serious blood disorder, called thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP), resulted in kidney failure requiring dialysis in some cases, and at least one death.

In TTP, blood clots form in small blood vessels throughout the body. The clots can limit or block blood flow to the body's organs, such as the kidneys, brain, and heart. Certain blood cells called platelets help the blood to clot. In TTP, as platelets clump together in the blood clots, fewer platelets are available in the blood in other parts of the body to help with clotting there. This can lead to bleeding under the skin and purple-colored spots called purpura, or to bleeding inside the body. TTP can cause death or lead to other complications with permanent damage, such as kidney failure, brain damage, or stroke.

TTP appears to occur with Opana ER only when it is abused and injected intravenously. Opana ER is meant to be taken orally, and should only be taken when prescribed and as directed. Taking it any other way may result in serious adverse events, including death.

ICE Announces Law Enforcement Assistance Corner

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is pleased to announce its new Law Enforcement Assistance Corner (LEAC), available on the ICE.gov website at <http://www.ice.gov/leac/>. The Public Advocate and Office of State, Local, and Tribal Coordination (OSLTC) pages also provide a link to LEAC in their respective “Important Links” boxes.

LEAC consolidates resources from numerous pages throughout ICE.gov to ensure that our law enforcement partners can easily find relevant information in support of their mission and any current or future collaboration with ICE. This tool represents the first comprehensive online resource developed by ICE for federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies. ICE.gov already offered extensive information of interest to law enforcement, but it was simply too decentralized to be genuinely useful.

LEAC will provide law enforcement partners easy access to resources that inform them of our work in immigration and criminal law enforcement, and their many areas of overlap with the efforts of state and local law enforcement agencies across the country. Many of the resources on the LEAC directly relate to ICE initiatives involving state and local law enforcement, from Secure Communities (SC) to drug enforcement task forces and much more.

LEAC highlights:

Federal law enforcement information sharing tools, such as, Law Enforcement Online (leo.gov), the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN), and the FOIA Library.

ICE immigration law enforcement resources, such as, data on SC implementation, contact information for ERO field offices, information on the Criminal Alien Program, and more.

ICE criminal law enforcement resources relevant to federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, such as, information on human trafficking initiatives, gang enforcement, child exploitation investigations, and more.

ICE, through the ERO Public Advocate and OSLTC, builds and improves partnerships with multiple stakeholders—including federal, state, local and tribal governments, law enforcement agencies and groups, local and state prosecutors, and non-governmental organizations. Building constructive relationships with our stakeholders fosters community awareness and support for the agency's mission and enhances our understanding of stakeholder issues related to our enforcement operations. LEAC is another important step forward in this regard and reflects ICE's continued belief that sustained cooperation with federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies is indispensable to the success of our agency.

IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT Holiday Toolkit Available

Even though we're all thinking it's way too early for the holiday displays in the stores, it's just the right time to start planning your Holiday Season impaired driving enforcement campaign. The National Highway Traffic Administration has several resources to help you in planning and promoting your campaign. Visit the [Traffic Safety Marketing website](#) for downloadable press releases, radio and TV spots, and images like the one below. In addition to high resolution color messages, there are also animations that you can use on your agency website. Be sure to check out the "Creeps" video!



The New York State Association of Chiefs of Police has included press releases and quotes from our regional Board members on our [website](#) that you can use to customize your own publicity. We also have audio podcasts that you can forward to your patrols on topics such as:

[Detecting Impaired Drivers](#)

[Detecting Impaired Drivers—After the Stop](#)

[Detecting Impaired Motorcyclists](#)

We have also included links on NHTSA documents that will help you with your checkpoints and saturation patrols:

[Low Staffing Sobriety Checkpoints](#)

[Saturation Patrols and Sobriety Checkpoints Guide](#)



VICTIM NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

SAVIN-NY PROVIDES ALERTS TO VICTIMS

The New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute hosted a press conference on October 23 with the Schenectady YWCA to spotlight SAVIN-NY: the Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification system. SAVIN-NY is an order of protection notification system, a free service which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to crime victims who have been granted a Family Court order of protection in New York State.

Victims can register through NY-ALERT to be notified by e-mail, text, iPhone/iPad app, telephone, fax or by a web query, when law enforcement reports the order as being

served. To register for alerts, victims or their advocates need a valid email address along with the name of the Family Court that issued the order, the docket number, and the order of protection number. This information can be found on the top section of the order of protection.

I urge all police administrators to review your current procedures to ensure that the service of any order is promptly entered into the order of protection registry. That is a crucial link in this notification system.

Chief Michael Biasotti
Pres. NYSACOP



At the podium, Gwen Wright, Director of Community Coordination for the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence during the press event at the Schenectady YWCA. Also pictured to the left of podium is NYSACOP First Vice Pres. Steve Heider (Colonie PD), and at far right, Asst. Chief Brian Kilcullen, Schenectady PD)

The New York State Association of Chiefs of Police has been one of the partners working with the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute on this important victim safety project. A notification is triggered when law enforcement enters the service information on the order of protection screen on the eJusticeNY portal. NYSACOP President Michael Biasotti (Chief, New Windsor PD) said, "I urge all police administrators to review your current procedures to ensure that the service of any order is promptly entered into the order of protection registry. That is a crucial link in this notification system." NYSACOP First Vice President Steven Heider (Chief, Colonie PD) noted, "The SAVIN-NY system affords victims the information about when an order has been served, allowing them to be more cautious during that critical time when a respondent has been ordered to refrain from certain conduct or stay away from the victim." Additional information, resources, and a link for victim registration can be found at www.SAVIN-NY.com.

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pressive numbers to protest an effort to abolish the Town Police and contract with the County Sheriffs.

Many Albany insiders fully expect a special legislative session to be convened after the November elections. Governor Cuomo has already laid out his list of items he wants addressed. They include raises for many of his state agency leaders, an increase in the minimum wage and more discussions about decriminalizing some marijuana laws. Nationally, three states including Colorado, Oregon and Washington will vote on legalizing small amounts of cannabis for recreational use. Expect pressure in New York's next regular legislative session to bring medical marijuana to our State.

Former Buffalo Police Commissioner Rocco Diina is very well known to police executives around New York and across the country. Earlier this month he chaired the annual reception for the Western New York Law Enforcement Foundation. The Buffalo event was very well attended by both executives from a very supportive Erie County business community and by law enforcement leaders from local, county, state and federal agencies.

And finally, congratulations go out to Village of Kenmore (Erie County) Chief Carl LaCorte who is retiring after forty years of service. Chief LaCorte will be honored by his family, friends and colleagues at a November 17 dinner.

Governor Signs Domestic Violence Legislation, continued

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Online Training for Law Enforcement

For the first time, police departments in the state will have access to web-based training on essential topics in domestic violence response, including investigating current and past incidents, collecting evidence, conducting interviews, applying the state's mandatory arrest and primary physical aggressor provisions, and identifying possible criminal charges; officers are then guided through videos and asked to apply their knowledge to the cases depicted.

President's Report, continued

fee of \$300 per unit. This includes repairs or maintenance to the equipment if required during the loan contract date. The program currently has the following night vision systems available for loan to law enforcement agencies: AN/PVS-5 (Gen. II); AN/PVS-11 (Gen. II); AN/PVS-11A (Gen. III) (If available); Catseye Monocular (Gen. III). If you have experienced, as I have, how fragile night vision and thermal optics can be, and how expensive they are to repair, this program makes a lot of sense. If broken, they are replaced free of charge, and they can be swapped for newer equipment as they become available.

To obtain equipment through the program your department will need to mail or fax a request letter (on agency letterhead), stating the type of equipment preferred, quantity, and a short synopsis stating how this equipment will be used in your department. Points of Contact are: [Sharon Sutton](#), 812-675-5349, or [Debbie Owens](#), 812-675-4985.

Governor Signs Domestic Violence Legislation

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE—On October 25, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed into law a robust package of legislation that will improve the criminal justice system's response to domestic violence while at the same time provide survivors with enhanced protections so they can more safely sever ties with their abusers.

The bill package signed by Governor Cuomo addresses the recidivist nature of domestic violence by holding serial offenders more accountable for their behavior with the creation of a new crime and new considerations when determining bail, and creates a state-level Fatality Review Team to find new ways to prevent intimate partner homicides.

Research shows that domestic violence offenders most often recidivate against the same victims (70 – 80 percent), and that those in an intimate relationship are more likely to re-offend than those who commit crimes in “other” family relationships. In addition, offenders released without bail had a higher pre-trial recidivism rate than those released on bail, as did those charged with violating an order of protection.

New Felony Crime and Expanded Definition of Aggravated Harassment

The law creates the Class E felony of Aggravated Family Offense, which enables law enforcement to prosecute as felons defendants who commit certain misdemeanor-level offenses and have a previous conviction for a specified misdemeanor or felony against a family or household member within the past five years. It also expands the definition of the Class A misdemeanor of Aggravated Harassment in the Second Degree to include when a defendant, with intent to harass, annoy, threaten or alarm, causes physical injury to an individual, or to a family or household member of that individual.

Although New York State already has a number of strong domestic violence protections, many domestic violence abusers repeatedly commit low-level offenses, which carry minor penalties, enabling them to continue subjecting their victims to fear and harm.

The aggravated family offense takes effect in 90 days and the aggravated harassment misdemeanor and the bail provision take effect in 60 days. The maximum sentence for a class A misdemeanor is one year in local jail; the maximum sentence for a class E felony is up to four years in state prison.

Allows Judges to Consider Additional Risk Factors in Determining Bail to Better Protect Victims from Further Harm

Under the new law, courts will be required for the first time to consider certain risk factors when determining recognizance or bail for a defendant who is charged with an offense against a family or household member. Currently, courts are not required to consider any special factors when determining recognizance or bail in a domestic violence case, allowing offenders in some cases to go free on low bail and thereby be allowed to stalk, harm and sometimes kill their specifically targeted victims. Under the legislation that was signed today, judges will be required to consider well-established risk factors, such

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Disability Awareness Training for Law Enforcement

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Public Safety and the Niagara University First Responders Disability Awareness Training Office are pleased to announce a series of *Disability Awareness Training for Law Enforcement* train the trainer courses. Two day training sessions will be offered in **Albany County on November 6-7, 2012**, **Monroe County on November 28-29, 2012** and in **Suffolk County on January 30-31, 2013**. Additional dates for this training will be scheduled throughout New York State in 2013.

The ability to respond to individuals with disabilities has posed varying challenges to police officers across the country. High profile cases have exposed the need for more involved awareness and education regarding the characteristics and challenges some individuals pose. As the population increases and more individuals are active in the community, the need to ensure accurate and appropriate response is critical. Studies show that 50-80% of an officer's encounters are with an individual with a disability while individuals with disabilities are seven times more the victim of a crime.

This presentation brings together an education on disabilities while enhancing sensitivity. Included

in this are disabilities defined and appropriate response, characteristics and how to identify disabilities, the role of caregivers and service providers, candid video instruction, federal and municipality roles and responsibilities, the perspective of the disability community, victimization, challenging scenarios and behaviors and how to address them, current trends and topics, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and etiquette and interaction skills. An extensive amount of resources will also be provided.

Instruction will be taught by David Whalen. Dave is the Statewide Program Coordinator for First Responder Disability Awareness Training. He has been training a multitude of service providers and first responders in disability awareness for the past seven years and has

been working in the field of disability service/education since 1986. Dave can be contacted by e-mail dwhalen@niagara.edu, by phone (716) 286-7355 or by visiting www.fr-dat.com.

There is no fee to attend this course. Although we have planned for large enrollment, seats are limited. Therefore, you must receive confirmation on attendance. Please complete the course application and have it sent no later than two weeks prior to the start of the course. For your convenience it may be submitted via email by utilizing the "Submit by Email" radio button on the Course Application form at <http://calendar.dcjs.state.ny.us/>

Directions to the training site and additional course information will be included in your confirmation notice. If you have any questions about registering for the training, please contact Senior Training Technician Scott Neff by email at soctt.neff@dcjs.ny.gov or by telephone at 518-485-7542.

Topics Covered

- ▶ Disabilities defined specific to law enforcement
- ▶ Service provision and supports and how to develop a collaborative relationship
- ▶ Progressive approaches to addressing emergency situations
- ▶ Emergency services
- ▶ Service provider collaboration
- ▶ Challenging behaviors and responsiveness
- ▶ Municipality role and responsibility
- ▶ Victimization and the disabled
- ▶ Proper etiquette and interaction skills

T.R.A.U.M.A. Training in Erie County

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Public Safety is pleased to announce the newly developed Trauma Resources and Unified Management Assistance (T.R.A.U.M.A.) Training.

This two day class will be offered **December 5-6, 2012 in Erie County** and is designed for law enforcement executives and law enforcement officers with five years minimum experience on the job. For further details, [click here](#) to read the full training announcement.

Topics Include:

- ▶ Line of Duty Deaths
- ▶ Police Suicide
- ▶ PTSD
- ▶ Police Peer Support
- ▶ Survivors
- ▶ Resources

SAVE THE DATE—INVITATION TO CHIEFS:

Breaking the Cycle of Recidivism: Successfully Transitioning Young People From Juvenile Delinquency Placements

A Statewide Summit on Juvenile Reentry
Friday, December 14, 2012 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
University at Albany (Downtown Campus), 135 Western Avenue, Albany, New York

As New York State continues to reform its juvenile justice systems, transitioning young people from out of home placement to positive safe home environments and successful adulthood remains a challenge.

Please plan to attend this full-day juvenile reentry summit to meet with key juvenile justice stakeholders, hear from national experts, learn about best practices, and develop plans for implementation at both the local and state levels.

Planned activities include:

- ▶ facilitated panel discussion with leading experts;
- ▶ practical workshops for program implementation;
- ▶ policy planning and development of recommendations.



[Register](#) here. For more information contact: [Philippe Cadet](#), NYS Juvenile Reentry Task Force Coordinator at 518-457-3670



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Community College - Business Resource Center located at 1 Development Court in Kingston, NY. DDACTS is a proven operational model that integrates community-based collaboration with analysis of location-based crime and traffic crash data to determine how to effectively deploy resources. For information on the Workshop contact [Liaison Nick Macherone](#) or GTSC Program Coordinator Mary Montimurro at 518-474-5777. Visit the DDACTS website at www.ddacts.com for more information.

Regional Motorcycle Safety & Enforcement Training – November 27, 2012 – Ontario County: Join us on **Tuesday, November 27th** from **9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** for a Motorcycle Safety & Enforcement Training Program at the Ontario County Public Safety Training Facility, 2914 County Road 48, Canandaigua, NY. The goal of the training is to introduce law enforcement to the national and state specific motorcycle enforcement issues in an effort to reduce the number of deaths and injuries from motorcycle related crashes. The course will be taught by a team of instructors led by Retired Chief of Police Peter Miller, a nationally recognized instructor and expert on motorcycle safety and enforcement issues. Don't miss this opportunity to join us for this free in-depth tour and hands-on training program that will take the mystery from motorcycle enforcement and motorcycle laws. To register, use this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MotorcycleEnforcement>. Any questions contact [Liaison Nick Macherone](#) at 518-474-4935.

Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) Trainings for Police Officers-Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy, December 5-6; Mohawk Valley Community College - Police Academy, December 11-12: The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee is hosting two **Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) Training Programs for Police Officers**. The first training will be held at the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy at 2914 County Route 48, Hopewell, NY on Wednesday and Thursday, December 5 and 6 from 8 AM-4 PM. The second ARIDE training is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, December 11 and 12 from 8 AM-4 PM at the Mohawk Valley Community College – Police Academy, Room JC201, 1101 Sherman Drive, Utica, NY. This 16 hour course bridges the gap between SFST and DRE Courses and will train law enforcement officers to observe, identify and articulate the signs of impairment related to drugs, alcohol, or combination of both, in order to reduce the number of impaired driving incidents and crashes resulting in serious injuries and fatalities. To register for either class go to: <http://safeny.ny.gov/DRE/dre-clas.htm>. If you have any questions please contact the State Coordinator at 518-486-6718 or email: Craig.Whitten@dmv.ny.gov.

2012 New York Law Enforcement Challenge Goes On-line: It's time to start preparing for the New York Law Enforcement Challenge competition. This year the IACP National Challenge Program rolled out its new on-line application; based on this New York along with other states made the decision to utilize the same on-line application for our competitions. This will streamline the process and eliminate any redundancy in submitting two separate applications. The link to the single on-line application that will be used for your submission in the New York and National Challenges, and to the Step-by-Step Guide on the IACP website is: <http://www.theiacp.org/About/Awards/NationalLawEnforcementChallenge/tabid/345/Default.aspx>. Here you will also find a 2012 Challenge Application (PDF) that can be used as a guide in preparing your on-line application. Stay tuned for additional resources and information on the Challenge that will be posted on the [GTSC](#) & [State Chiefs](#) websites. The Challenge continues to be an excellent opportunity for your agency to receive recognition as a leader in traffic safety enforcement and education. For assistance please contact [Liaison Nick Macherone](#), Challenge Coordinator, or your GTSC Representative.

Governor Signs Domestic Violence Legislation, continued

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as an offender's prior violation of an order of protection and the accused's access to guns.

Establishes Statewide Fatality Review Team to Find New Ways to Reduce Intimate Partner Homicides

Under the new law, the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence will establish a statewide domestic violence fatality review team. The review team will bring together domestic violence-related professionals to review domestic violence homicides, in an effort to understand more fully the factors involved and determine how the system can be improved in order to help prevent future deaths.

The package of laws also includes provisions that address non-criminal needs of domestic violence victims, providing them options to sever their relationships with abusers in a variety of ways: enhancing last year's address confidentiality bill to provide appropriate protections for family members; ensuring that insurance companies, when notified of the domestic violence, do not jeopardize a victim's safety by disclosing confidential information to the abuser; and preventing abusers who were subject to an order of protection or charged with someone's death from making funeral or burial arrangement decisions.

In addition to targeting domestic violence through stronger legislation, New York State will institute three new programs designed to enhance victim and officer safety, and hold offenders accountable for their crimes: a specialized domestic violence court at the Rikers Island Judicial Center for parolees with a history of domestic violence; a high-risk response team, and free, online training for police officers.

NYC Domestic Violence Court for Parolees

A joint initiative of the New York State Board of Parole and Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, the specialized court will serve the five boroughs of New York City beginning this fall. Two Administrative Law Judges will hear domestic violence cases and provide judicial oversight through the parole violation process. In addition, specially trained parole revocation specialists will work with victim advocates and other law enforcement agencies to contact the victim quickly after the incident, develop a safety plan for the victim(s) and coordinate treatment services. The ultimate goal is to provide for the safety of victims, especially children, and to enforce strong offender accountability and monitoring.

High-Risk Team

The multi-disciplinary High Risk Team – composed of a domestic violence advocacy group, the police department, and the department of probation - will use a standard list of risk assessment questions to identify the highest risk cases. The goal of the initiative is to identify high-risk cases at the earliest point possible; develop a system for open communication among team members and make sure it works; contain and monitor the offender; and ensure victim services are easily accessible and comprehensive.

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Around the State...

Chief Michael Biasotti, New Windsor PD—President

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A special column to highlight various activities and events around New York State. Submit recommendations for this column [here](#).

November 6-7—Disability Awareness Training—story on page 10 (Albany Co.)

November 7-8—Law Enforcement Suicide Prevention—NYSP Academy

November 13-15—DDACTS Implementation Workshop, Ulster Co.—*details within*

November 14-16—New York Women in Law Enforcement 3rd Annual Training Conference at the Genesee Grande, Syracuse—[details here](#) or [e-mail here](#)

November 28-29—Disability Awareness Training—story on page 10 (Monroe Co.)

December 5-6—T.R.A.U.M.A. Training, Erie County—story on page 11

December 14—Statewide Summit on Juvenile Re-Entry, Albany—story on page 11

Jan. 30-31—Disability Awareness Training—story on page 10 (Suffolk Co.)



Director of Research, Development and Training Report

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I had the honor of making a presentation on the Crash Report series at the New York State Highway Safety Symposium in Lake Placid with Rob Limoges of New York State DOT. We distributed several CDs, USB drives and resource cards to those in attendance. We still have several of the resource cards available which lists the titles of each of the podcasts and directions on how to access them. If any agencies would like cards to provide to each of their officers, just send me an [email](#) or call the office at 518-355-3371.



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