



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF CAYUGA COUNTY NEW YORK

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Sheriff

Stuart W. Peenstra
Undersheriff

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE ADVISEMENT COMMITTEE September 16, 2023, 8:00am Public Safety Building - Conference Room

Members present:

Sheriff Brian Schenck	Deputy Brian Kelly	Kathleen Aguilar
Bryan Bush	Legislator Jim Basile	Legislator Brian Muldrow
Travis Poole	William Berry	Corporal Ben Laderer

Not in attendance: Shari Weiss and Josh Cxyz

- Sheriff's Office Updates
 1. Sheriff's Office has contracted with SaferWatch which provides threat assessment and prevention services as well as allowing the public to provide anonymous tips on suspicious activity.
 2. Working on School threat assessment and would like to extend that into the community. Cayuga County IT is assisting with these efforts.
 3. Still concentrating on recruiting and hiring. Road Patrol exam was given on September 9, 2023. 69 people registered, 45 took the exam. The Custody exam will be in December and there is a recruitment open house on September 21st at CCC.
 4. Sherriff Schenck has been invited to Florida to view Parkland school before it is demolished. The invitation comes from Max Schachter whose son died in the Parkland shooting. Mr. Schachter is now a school safety advocate who founded Safe Schools for Alex and the purpose of the trip is to educate about school shootings.
- Members Updates and Discussion
 1. Legislator Basile brought up that Health Services will be doing some training in schools on using DBT (Dialectical Behavioral Therapy) There was some discussion on other therapies including CBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy) and PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)
 2. Bryan Bush brought up the dangers of the synthetic epidemic. An example being; people thinking that synthetic marijuana does not have an addicting component when there is actually a crack/heroine effect. Bryan believes that there needs to be an increase in education on these types of substances, Public Service

announcements. It was also brought up the these synthetic substances change so quickly, they are hard to detect and may not even be listed as” controlled substances.” Consensus was that there needs to be a large concentration on prevention, needing to be proactive rather than reactive.

3. Kathy noted the attitude in schools regarding drug use. Even as young as elementary level, things such as vaping and gummies are not looked at as harmful.
- New members for the committee were discussed again. Bill Berry has a few suggestions that he will bring to next meeting. Options reviewed, someone from: DSS, Southern end of County, medical professional, agricultural community.
 - Community Event to introduce the committee and the Undersheriff. End of October or early November at Cayuga Community College. Topics were discussed including safety in schools and drug problems in our community. It should not have a strict agenda, just conversations.
 - Next meetings: **October 7th – virtually** to discuss the event.
 - In person; **January 13th 8:00am.** Public safety building.