

Cayuga County Sheriff
Brian Schenck



Kathy Aguilar

Kathy graduated from Colgate University with a degree in biology and then spent the next three years in the Peace Corps in Guatemala working on forestry projects. Since then, she has worked in education in different capacities working with the Syracuse City School District, and the Hillside Children's Center and has been a teacher with the Union Springs Central School District since 1998. Additionally, she has worked as an Adjunct Professor for Empire State College. Kathy has also dedicated much of her time working to support the Spanish speaking members of our community. She has collaborated with NYCAMH, the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office, local food pantries, and community advocate groups to this end. She is pleased to be a part of this community advocacy committee to continue her efforts to support all members of our local community.



William Berry

William (bill) E. Berry, Jr. originally from The Bronx came to Auburn in 1997 to serve as dean for strategic planning and institutional initiatives at Cayuga Community College. Mr. Berry's career as a higher education administrator spanned four decades with executive level appointments at SUNY, CUNY, Antioch University, and several other campuses. bill has taught at the graduate and undergraduate level; presented at numerous national conferences during his career and consults on a variety of educational issues. Prior to his university appointments, bill served as coordinator of social services for NYC's largest Head Start agency. The past board chair of the Harriet Tubman Center for Justice and Peace, bill served that organization for 25 years as member and then chair. Currently, he serves on the board of the United Way of Cayuga County; founding member of the Cayuga County Sheriff's Collaborative Community Advisement Committee and served as the Auburn school district's consultant for its 2023-24 diversity, equity, and inclusion strategic plan. Publisher of the online literary and visual arts journal, aaduna, bill occasionally writes opinion pieces for *The Citizen*. In 2022, Governor Kathy Hochul appointed bill to serve on the New York State African American History Commission that is exploring and celebrating 400 years of Black history in New York State. Berry is one of 15 commissioners chosen state-wide, and serves as chair of the Commission's Sites, Localities & Placemaking subcommittee



Bryan Bush

Bryan Bush is a recovery peer advocate (CRPA) and CASAC-t. He identifies as being in sustained, abstinence based recovery. Using his experience he raises awareness on community resources, various recovery models, pathways to providers and non-clinical support. Bryan's professional experiences include Unity House, C.H.A.D., Liberty Resources, Cayuga County Jail and Nick's Ride 4 Friends. Mr. Bush also sits on the Community Service Board, Cayuga Counseling Service's Board of Director's, Drug Free Community Coalition and the Healing Cayuga Study. His goals include instilling hope to those effected by substance abuse and mental illness, as well as assisting in building am educated, connected and safer community.



Joshua Czyz

Joshua serves as chaplain for the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office and is a part of the Cayuga County Critical Incident Stress Management Team. He also serves as chaplain for the Auburn Police and Fire Departments, as well as other agencies and organizations.

He has chaplaincy experience in private business, law enforcement, fire service, healthcare, and prison ministry. He has served as a Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team member, an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Coordinator, Wellness Program Coordinator and De-escalation Instructor for various agencies. Joshua has a Bachelor of Science in Bible with a Major in Pastoral Ministries from The University of Valley Forge. He earned his Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) from Northeastern Seminary.

Josh and his wife, Rachel, have been best friends since college and have been married since 1999. They have six boys: Jeremiah, Joshua, Jerry, Josiah, Joseph, and James.



**Brian Kelly** 

Brian Kelly is currently serving as an Identification Officer handling evidence for the Sheriff's Office and assisting with pistol permits and pistol permit amendments. He was previously working as a road Deputy spending most of his career in the south part of our county. He is a team member on the Sheriff's Critical Incident Negotiations Unit as well as the Tactical Response Unit. He is also a on the Sheriff's Peer Support Team assisting officers who have fallen on hard times within the agency. He has been a part of the Sheriff's Summer Camp program for children and enjoys participating in Shop with a Cop around holiday times. He is a military veteran with a deployment to Afghanistan and has traveled the globe to support missions for the Navy. He was quickly recognized for his devoted care of the community and enjoyment in civil interaction with the community and was requested to be apart of the Community Collaborative Advisement Community. Please feel free to reach out to Identification Officer Kelly at <a href="mailto:bkelly@cayugacounty.us">bkelly@cayugacounty.us</a>, (315) 294-8133.

We are always looking for ways to effectively improve our relationship with the community and mirror the values everyone expects to have a safe and happy community.



**Travis Poole** 

Travis J Poole has 35 years of experience in Emergency Services as a Firefighter, and an Emergency Medical Technician.

He Works at Auburn Fire Dept, Cayuga County Emergency Services, and as a New York State Fire Instructor. He is also a Life member of the Owasco Volunteer Fire Dept.



Shari Weiss

Dr. Shari Weiss has been the Executive Director of Cayuga Community Health Network since October of 2019. She has over thirty years of Human Services experience, including: Public Health, Homeless Housing, Behavioral Health Counseling and Community Housing, HIV/AIDS Prevention. She has a Ph.D. in Public Health, a Masters degree in Public Administration and is a Master CASAC. Her current position allows her the privilege of working to develop partnerships for a healthier Cayuga County.

James Basile

Ben Laderer

**Brian Muldrow**