



County of Cayuga

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E-911 TO RECEIVE \$1M IN STATE GRANTS

Auburn, NY – Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced nearly \$1 Million in funding to improve Cayuga County’s Emergency Communications. The announcements came as part of a \$55 Million state-wide grant funding announcement for two emergency communications programs.

“Homeland Security and Emergency Services is an important funding partner in providing resources to our local E-911 and Emergency Service operations,” said Patrick V. Mahunik, Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature. “The Governor’s announcement of nearly \$1 Million dollars in funding for Cayuga’s Emergency Management Communications is great news!”

The [Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant](#) (SICG), administered by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), allows counties to make vital improvements in the way first responders can communicate between different regions of the state using land mobile radio systems. “Cayuga County was awarded nearly \$780,000 in SICG funding for maintenance and critical upgrades of the emergency communications system,” said Denise A. Spingler, Cayuga’s E-911 Administrator.

A second award of over \$200,000 was also announced from the [Public Safety Answering Points Operations Grant](#) (PASP). Public safety facilities, known as PSAPs, receive incoming calls for help and initiate dispatching of emergency services. Cayuga County was awarded over \$200,000, an increase of \$30,000 over last year’s funding. These annual grants are used to offset eligible operating expenses.

“Funding county operations, especially costly technical equipment and upgrades, is always challenging,” said Andrew Denison, Chair of the Legislature’s Judicial & Public Safety Committee. “We appreciate it anytime the state steps in to help.”

“Thank you to the Governor for the exciting news, and most importantly, congratulations to our E-911 team for preparing high quality, fundable grant applications,” said J. Justin Woods, County Administrator.

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