



Judiciary & Public Safety Committee

Committee Meeting

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
<https://www.cortlandcountyny.gov>

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Thursday, October 9, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 302

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Committee Chair Sandra Price

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Douglas Bentley	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present	
Cathy Bischoff	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present	
Mitchel Eccleston	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present	
Christopher Newell	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present	
Jason Prentice	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present	
Eugene Waldbauer	Cortland County	Committee Vice-Chair	Present	
Sandra Price	Cortland County	Committee Chair	Present	
Savannah Hempstead	Cortland County	Clerkof the Legislature	Present	
Kevin Fitch	Cortland County	Chair of the Legislature	Present	
Michael Ponticiello	Cortland County	County Administrator	Present	
Kevin Jones	Cortland County	Public Defender	Present	
Michael Cardinale	Cortland County	Assigned Counsel Plan Administrator	Present	
Courtney Metcalf	Cortland County	Dep. Director of Emergency Response & Comm.	Present	
Mark Helms	Cortland County	Sheriff	Present	
Patrick Perfetti	Cortland County	District Attorney	Present	
Nicole Albro	Cortland County	Probation Director	Present	
Wendy Canfield	Cortland County	Executive Assistant to the County Adminstrator	Present	
Trish Hansen	Cortland County	TLC	Present	
Julie Parker	Cortland County	Probation Supervisor	Present	
Kim Cameron	Cortland County	Resident	Present	
Donald Chu	Cortland County	Resident	Present	
Morgan Spaulding	Cortland County	Grants Administrator	Present	
Ronald J. Van Dee	Cortland County	Legislator	Present	
William McGovern	Cortland County	Legislator	Present	
Reed Cleland	Cortland County	Legislator	Present	
Robert Edwards	Cortland Enlarged City School District	Superintendent	Present	
Jordan Lilley	Cortland Enlarged City School District	Supervisor of Transportation	Present	

Ashley Millard	Cortland County	Deputy Clerk of the Legislature	Remote	
Andrea Herzog	Cortland County	Director of Finance	Remote	

MINUTES

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RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Adopt Amended Bylaws of the Cortland County Traffic Safety Board

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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Next: 10/23/2025 6:00 PM

MOVER: Eugene Waldbauer, Committee Vice-Chair

SECONDER: Douglas Bentley, Committee Member

AYES: Bentley, Bischoff, Eccleston, Newell, Prentice, Waldbauer, Price

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopt Amended Bylaws of the Cortland County Traffic Safety Board

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 161-20 adopted the Traffic Safety Board Bylaws for Cortland County; AND

WHEREAS, the Traffic Safety Board has recommended changes to their Bylaws, which are subject to Legislative review and approval; AND

WHEREAS, the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee of the Cortland County Legislature has reviewed the changes to the Bylaws; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby approves the Bylaws of the Cortland County Traffic Safety Board; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a copy of the bylaws shall be kept on file with the Clerk of the Legislature.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – Appoint Members - Traffic Safety Board

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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Next: 10/23/2025 6:00 PM

MOVER: Christopher Newell, Committee Member

SECONDER: Jason Prentice, Committee Member

AYES: Bentley, Bischoff, Eccleston, Newell, Prentice, Waldbauer, Price

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Appoint Members - Traffic Safety Board

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 43 §1672 of Vehicle and Traffic Safety Laws, Local Law No. 4 for the Year 1971 of the Cortland County Legislature established a Cortland County Traffic Safety Board; AND

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 3 for the Year 1978 amended Local Law No. 4 for the Year 1971

and established the membership of the Board is appointed by the Cortland County Legislature; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following members be and hereby are appointed to serve the terms as listed below:

Name	Organization	Address	Term Expiration
Jeff Guido	Community Member	36 Abdallah Ave., Cortland, NY 13045	12/31/2028
Ryan Riley	Community Member	1010 W. State Rd., Cortland, NY 13045	12/31/2027
Catherine Wilde	Community Member	10 North Main Street, Homer, NY 13077	12/31/2026

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – Subscriber Agreement for TransUnion Risk and Alternative Data Solutions, Inc. (“TRADS”) and Cortland County Office of Assigned Counsel

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 10/23/2025 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Christopher Newell, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Eugene Waldbauer, Committee Vice-Chair
AYES:	Bentley, Bischoff, Eccleston, Newell, Prentice, Waldbauer, Price

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Subscriber Agreement for TransUnion Risk and Alternative Data Solutions, Inc. (“TRADS”) and Cortland County Office of Assigned Counsel

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Office of Assigned Counsel requires access to an investigative, background check, and people finder service in order for its 18b panel attorneys to effectively and efficiently represent indigent clients, AND

WHEREAS, TransUnion Risk and Alternative Data Solutions, Inc. (“TRADS”) provides such a service; AND

WHEREAS, TRADS will be used to run the necessary background investigative searches in-house, rather than pay an outside investigative entity to run the same background and people finder services, while paying an enhanced rate for this service to a third party and an hourly rate for the third party’s time; AND

WHEREAS, TRADS requires the execution of a Subscriber Agreement (Agreement) to establish an active account, and to install, maintain, and support the program for case analysis; AND

WHEREAS, the Agreement will be an open-ended contract at a flat rate cost of one hundred (\$100) dollars per month in which either party may terminate the Agreement at any time for any reason upon notice to the other party; AND

WHEREAS, the cost for TRADS services will be paid by the Cortland County Office of Assigned Counsel and will utilize grant funds provided by the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS) for all costs associated with the agreement; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Administrator, upon review and approval of the County

Attorney, and subject to appropriation of funding by the County Legislature, is hereby authorized to sign the AGREEMENT with TRADS for the aforementioned services; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that all costs associated with the Agreement shall be paid from the Office of Assigned Counsel's Professional Services account #A11755.54055.HH11.

PRESENTATION

1. Kevin Whitney - Presentation of RTC Plaque for Lee and Sandy Price

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Department of Emergency Response and Communications Monthly Reports

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. Probation Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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3. Public Defender Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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4. District Attorney Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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5. Assigned Counsel Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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6. Coroner's Monthly Report - September

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Sheriff Mark Helms - Major Drug Takedown

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. Stop Arm Bus Program - Cortland School Superintendent Robert Edwards & Transportation Supervisor Jordan Lilley

County Administrator Ponticiello to do an analysis of the program to bring forward to the committee following the adoption of the County budget.

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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3. Departmental Budget Discussions

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 9:53 AM



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Mitchel Eccleston	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present	
Christopher Newell	Cortland County	Committee Member	Excused	
Jason Prentice	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present	
Eugene Waldbauer	Cortland County	Committee Vice-Chair	Present	
Sandra Price	Cortland County	Committee Chair	Present	
Savannah Hempstead	Cortland County	Clerkof the Legislature	Present	
Patrick Perfetti	Cortland County	District Attorney	Present	
Nicole Albro	Cortland County	Probation Director	Present	
Julie Parker	Cortland County	Probation	Present	
Scott Roman	Cortland County	Director of Emergency Response and Communications	Present	
Denise Bushnell	Cortland County	Coroner	Present	
Mark Helms	Cortland County	Sheriff	Present	
Michael Cardinale	Cortland County	Assigned Counsel Plan Administrator	Present	
Kevin Jones	Cortland County	Public Defender	Present	
Trish Hansen	Cortland County	TLC	Present	
William McGovern	Cortland County	Legislator	Present	
Donald Chu	Cortland	Resident	Present	
Ashley Millard	Cortland County	Deputy Clerk of the Legislature	Remote	
Andrea Herzog	Cortland County	Director of Finance	Remote	

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Aug 14, 2025 9:00 AM (MINUTES)

MINUTES

1. Judiciary & Public Safety Committee - Committee Meeting - Jun 12, 2025 9:00 AM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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2. Judiciary & Public Safety Committee - Special Committee Meeting - Jun 26, 2025 3:45 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Authorize Contract with Axon Enterprises - District Attorney

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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Next: 8/19/2025 9:00 AM

MOVER: Cathy Bischoff, Committee Member

SECONDER: Eugene Waldbauer, Committee Vice-Chair

AYES: Bentley, Bischoff, Eccleston, Prentice, Waldbauer, Price

EXCUSED: Christopher Newell

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Authorize Contract with Axon Enterprises - District Attorney

WHEREAS, the Cortland County's District Attorney's Office has identified a need for services provided by Axon Enterprises, Inc. to support ongoing operations and compliance with discovery reform requirements; AND

WHEREAS, Axon Enterprises, Inc. has submitted a proposal totaling \$90,561.02 for a sixty-four (64) month agreement beginning in August 2025, with annual costs of \$20,796.88 for the first year; AND

WHEREAS, the Department has grant funding available in the Discovery Reform Compensation Grant for the 2025 budget year and all remaining years under this contract term; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Administrator and/or Chair of the Legislature, upon approval of the County Attorney or designee, and subject to funding by the legislature, to enter into a contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc., of 17800 North 85th Street, Scottsdale, Arizona 85255, in an amount not to exceed \$90,561.02 for a term of sixty-four (64) months.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – Authorize Agreement with United Radio Service for 911 Paging System - Department of Emergency Response & Communication

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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Next: 8/28/2025 6:00 PM

MOVER: Mitchel Eccleston, Committee Member

SECONDER: Jason Prentice, Committee Member

AYES: Bentley, Bischoff, Eccleston, Prentice, Waldbauer, Price

EXCUSED: Christopher Newell

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

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**Authorize Agreement with United Radio Service for 911 Paging System - Department of
Emergency Response & Communication**

WHEREAS, the Cortland County 911 center operates an emergency paging system that is used to notify first responders in times of fire and medical emergencies; AND

WHEREAS, this emergency paging system is required to have a high degree of reliability and operability, with service needs of 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days of the year, the previous County Attorney had agreed that United Radio Service of East Syracuse, NY, is the sole source preferred vendor of choice based on their knowledge, expertise, location and service record; AND

WHEREAS, this emergency paging system is currently serviced and maintained under 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days of the year preventative maintenance contract by United Radio Service, which expires 12/31/2025 per Resolution 126-22 and Contract 012-23; AND

WHEREAS, this preventative maintenance contract for the emergency paging system is in the best interests of Cortland County and it is a budgeted expense under the Department of Emergency Response and Communications using account A30205.54015; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County of Cortland enter into an agreement with United Radio Service for another three years to expire on 12/31/2028 to provide preventative maintenance of all emergency paging system equipment specified on the attached quote; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the County Legislature, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement for 2026-2028 with United Radio Service for emergency paging system maintenance, the term of which will be begin January 1, 2026 and end December 31, 2028, the sum of payments for the agreement is not to exceed \$5,370.40 monthly, \$64,444.80 annually or \$193,334.34 over the term of the agreement.

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MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Department of Emergency Response & Communications Monthly Report

RESULT: COMPLETED

2. Coroner's Monthly Report

RESULT: COMPLETED

3. District Attorney Monthly Report

RESULT: COMPLETED

4. Public Defender Monthly Report

RESULT: COMPLETED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Director Roman - Letter of Commendation

RESULT: COMPLETED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 9:24 AM

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BY-LAWS CORTLAND COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

The Cortland County Traffic Safety Board (CCTSB) was established in accordance with the County of Cortland Local Law No. 4 of the year 1971 enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Cortland and Local Law No. 3 for the year 1978, a Local Law Amending Local Law No. 4 for the year 1971: Establishing a Traffic Safety Board by the Cortland County Legislature pursuant to Article 43, Section 1673 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.

Preamble

The goal of the CCTSB is to foster cooperation and partnerships between all involved agencies, including law enforcement and community members, who have a vested interest in the education and enforcement of multi-modal traffic safety within Cortland County. To reach this goal, the CCTSB administers and is responsible for the oversight of monies received from the New York State Governors Traffic Safety Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

Composition

1. The CCTSB shall be composed of twelve (12) members who are residents[JH1] ~~and (qualified voters)~~ of Cortland County. At least one (1), but no more than three (3) shall be residents of the City of Cortland.
2. Members shall be appointed ~~or reappointed, in writing~~ by resolution, by the Cortland County Legislature.

Term of Office

1. The term of office on the CCTSB shall be three (3) years
2. Members may be re-appointed ~~to~~ upon the expiration of the ir term of office.

Vacancies

1. Vacancies in any position shall be filled by appointment by the Cortland County Legislature.
2. Upon any vacancy, the Chair of the CCTSB shall promptly notify the Clerk of the Legislature of the vacancy.
3. Individuals appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve until the end of the term of the original appointee, at which time, the individual may be reappointed to the CCTSB.

Compensation

As specified in the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, Article 43, Traffic Safety Boards, Section 1673, the members of such board shall receive no compensation for ~~services~~[JH2] .

The voting members of the CCTSB shall include the following, or their designee*:

1. SUNY Cortland University Police Chief
2. Captain, New York State Police
3. Cortland County Health Department Injury Prevention & Traffic Safety Coordinator
4. Cortland County Sheriff
5. City of Cortland Police Chief
6. Village of Homer Police Chief
7. New York State Department of Transportation Representative

8. Five (5) At-Large Community Members

Ex-Officio Members

The following individuals shall be considered non-voting ex-officio members of the CCTSB.

Cortland County Legislature, Chairman
County Administrator

In addition, the following positions, by virtue of their roles, and funding by Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC), shall also be considered voting ex-officio members of the CCTSB not to exceed nine (9) [JH3]total members.

SUNY Cortland University Police Chief
Captain, New York State Police
Cortland County Health Department Injury Prevention & Traffic Safety Coordinator
Cortland County Sheriff
City of Cortland Police Chief
City of Cortland Public Safety Commission Chairman
Village of Homer Police Chief
Other GTSC Funded organizations

At Large Members [JH4]

- Minimum 3 community members?
- Fill remaining voting city representation (up to 3) if not filled
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*Designated Representative

Each member of the CCTSB [may] [JH5] supply in writing the names of two (2) persons employed in said member's agency that shall be authorized to act as a designated representative for the member. Each member will be required to submit, in writing to the Chairperson of the Board, the names of the designated representatives. No representative will be allowed to have voting privileges on the CCTSB until they have been officially designated. At any given time, only one (1) of the two (2) designated representatives may vote in the absence of the member. On an annual basis, the members will be requested, in writing, to submit the names of their two (2) designated representatives. Unless there are circumstances, reviewed and approved by the CCTSB, members will not be allowed to change their designated representatives within the year. Officially designated representatives shall be counted in a quorum, be allowed to freely take part in business and discussions, and having voting privilege. Designated representatives must also be residents of the County. The New York State Department of Transportation Representative and At-Large Community Members are appointed by the Cortland County Legislature and may not appoint a Designated Representative.

Non-Members and Guests

Non-members and guests may be invited to take part in discussions and/or make presentations to the CCTSB. Non-members and guests shall under no circumstances be allowed to vote or be counted in determining whether the quorum requirements have been met.

FUNCTIONS OF THE CCTSB

The CCTSB board is authorized:

1. To promote and encourage street and highway traffic safety.

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2. To formulate highway safety programs and coordinate efforts of interested parties and agencies engaged in traffic safety education within such city, town or county.
3. To cooperate with local officials in the formulation and execution of traffic safety programs and activities.
4. To study traffic conditions on streets and highways, study and analyze reports of accidents and causes thereof, and recommend to the appropriate legislative bodies, departments or commissions, such changes in rules, orders, regulations and existing law as the board may deem advisable.
5. To conduct meetings whenever and wherever the board shall deem it advisable and to invite to such meetings parties and agencies, public and private, interested in traffic regulation, control and safety education.
6. To promote safety education for drivers and other vulnerable road users[JH6].
7. To obtain and assemble motor vehicle accident data, and to analyze, study and consolidate such data for educational and informational purposes.
8. Coordinate and direct local activities related to the implementation of the state highway safety program, as approved by the governor or their [JH7] designee.

OFFICERS

Officers and Election

1. The Officers of the CCTSB shall be the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary
2. Officers shall be elected annually at the first meeting of the calendar year from the membership of the CCTSB for a one (1) year term

Duties

1. The duties of the Chairperson shall be
 - a. preside at all meetings of the CCTSB;
 - b. serve as spokesperson for the CCTSB;
 - c. Other duties as may be required by statute, assigned by the CCTSB, or directed by the Cortland County Legislature.
2. The duties of the Vice-Chairperson shall be:
 - a. in the absence of the Chairman, preside at the meetings of the CCTSB;
 - b. Other duties as may be assigned by the Chairman, the CCTSB, or the Cortland County Legislature.
3. The duties of the Secretary shall be:
 - a. to provide notice of all meetings of the CCTSB for each meeting;
 - b. to prepare, maintain, and distribute minutes of all meetings including attendance records and the membership roster.[JH8]
 - c. Other duties as may be assigned by the Chairman, the CCTSB or the Cortland County Legislature.

Succession Order

To achieve the post of Chairperson of the CCTSB, the *recommended* succession order is as follows: any and all candidates shall have served, at a minimum, one year in each of the following positions and in the following order: Member – Secretary - Vice-Chairperson[JH9]

MEETINGS

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Meetings

1. Regular meetings of the CCTSB shall be held ~~bi-monthly~~ quarterly [JH10] at a date, time and place set by the CCTSB.
2. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson and shall be called upon the written request of any four (4) CCTSB members.
3. Notice. Whenever possible, two weeks' notice shall be given for each meeting.
- ~~3.4.~~ A member of the Board who fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings, without notification to the Chairman, shall be notified in writing by the Secretary that a failure to attend a fourth meeting will result in Secretary notifying the Clerk of the Legislature [JH11] of the lack of the participation by the member.

QUORUM

A majority of the voting [JH12] members of the CCTSB shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

COMMITTEES

Establishment

The Chairperson of the CCTSB may establish and appoint Committees as needed.

Composition

1. Committees shall be composed of at least three (3) members, a majority of whom must be members of the CCTSB
2. The Chairman of the CCTSB shall appointment the chairman of all committees

Meetings

Committees shall meet:

1. as needed to carry out the work of the committee;
2. at the call of the committee chairman;
3. at the direction of the CCTSB Chairman

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY [JH13]

In accordance with Vehicle and Traffic Law Article 43 §1676, the Executive Secretary shall:

1. Subject to the supervision and control of the board, perform the functions necessary to properly and efficiently carry out the provisions and purposes of the Article 43.
2. Be a citizen of the United States.
3. Furnish an official undertaking in an amount and in such form and with such sureties as shall be approved by the Cortland County Legislature.

PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

The current edition of *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority of the CCTSB.

AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be modified or amended as follows:

These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the CCTSB by an affirmative vote of

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two-thirds of the members present and voting. Any amendment shall be submitted to the CCTSB for review at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting at which the item is to be considered. An amendment shall take effect upon adoption by the Board, unless another date is specified in the amendment..

References

Article 43, Section 1673 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York
Article 43, Section 1675 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York
County of Cortland Local Law No. 4 of the year 1971
County of Cortland Local Law No. 3 for the year 1978

Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York

ARTICLE 43

TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARDS

Section 1672. Traffic safety board.

1673. Membership of board.

1674. Organization and reports by the board.

1675. Functions of the board.

1676. Executive secretary of board.

1677. County purpose and charges.

§ 1672. Traffic safety board. Any city, any town, or any county not wholly included within a city may by local law establish a traffic safety board. The borough president of any county wholly included within a city may establish a traffic safety board for such county.

§ 1673. Membership of board.

- (a) Such board shall be composed of not less than ten members interested in traffic safety and traffic problems appointed by the city council, town board, borough president or board of supervisors or other governing body of the city, town, borough or county for which such board has been created.
- (b) Each member shall be a resident of the city, town or county for which such board has been created and shall be a qualified elector thereof. For any county not wholly included within a city, at least one but not more than three of such members shall be a resident or residents of and be appointed from each one of the cities contained in the county, and the balance of such members shall be appointed from the county at large.
- (c) The term of office of such members shall be three years, except that the members first appointed to such board shall be appointed as follows: one-third shall be appointed for a term of three years; one-third for a term of two years and the remaining members of the board for a term of one year. Upon the expiration of the term of office of any member, his or her successor shall be appointed to membership in such board for a term of three years.
- (d) The members of such board shall receive no compensation for services but shall be entitled to their reasonable and necessary expenses, incurred in the performance of their duties, within any appropriation made for such purpose.

§ 1674. Organization and reports by the board. The traffic safety board shall:

1. Meet and organize within fifteen days after its members are appointed.
2. Elect annually a chairman, vice-chairman and a secretary from its members.
3. Adopt rules for the conduct of its business.
4. Within the limits of the appropriations made therefor by the city council, town board, borough president or board of supervisors or other governing body of the city, town, borough or county for which such board has been created, authorize the employment of such personnel as may be necessary to properly perform the functions and carry out the objectives of this article.
5. Appoint an executive secretary who shall be the executive and administrative officer of the board.
6. Render annually to the city council, town board, borough president or board of supervisors or other governing body of the city, town, borough or county for which such board has been created, and from time to time as required, a verified account of all moneys received and expended by it or under its direction and an account of its proceedings and of other pertinent matters in such form and manner as may be required by such board or body.
7. Submit annually to the proper fiscal authorities of the city, town, borough or county for which such board has been created, at such time in such manner as may be required by the law applicable thereto, an estimate of the funds required to carry out the purposes of this article.

8. Submit a report of activities annually to the state and, from time to time, such other information or reports as may be required by the state pursuant to the provisions of article 16-a of the executive law.

§ 1675. Functions of the board. The board is authorized:

1. To promote and encourage street and highway traffic safety.
2. To formulate highway safety programs and coordinate efforts of interested parties and agencies engaged in traffic safety education within such city, town, borough or county.
3. To cooperate with local officials in the formulation and execution of traffic safety programs and activities.
4. To study traffic conditions on streets and highways, study and analyze reports of accidents and causes thereof, and recommend to the appropriate legislative bodies, departments or commissions, such changes in rules, orders, regulations and existing law as the board may deem advisable.
5. To conduct meetings whenever and wherever the board shall deem it advisable and to invite to such meetings parties and agencies, public and private, interested in traffic regulation, control and safety education.
6. To promote safety education for drivers and pedestrians.
7. To obtain and assemble motor vehicle accident data, and to analyze, study and consolidate such data for educational and informational purposes.
8. Coordinate and direct local activities related to the implementation of the state highway safety program, as approved by the governor or his designee.

§ 1676. Executive secretary of board. The executive secretary of the board shall:

1. Subject to the supervision and control of the board perform the functions necessary to properly and efficiently carry out the provisions and purposes of this article.
2. Be a citizen of the United States.
3. Receive such salary and expenses as the city council, town board, borough president board of supervisors or other governing body of the city, town, borough or county for which such board has been created may fix and properly account for such expenses.
4. Furnish an official undertaking in an amount and in such form and with such sureties as shall be approved by the city council, town board, borough president or board of supervisors or other governing body of the city, town, borough or county for which such board has been created.

§ 1677. County purpose and charges. For any county not wholly included within a city, the provisions of this article and expenditures made hereunder shall be deemed a county purpose and charge.

FEBRUARY 24, 1971

County of Cortland Local Law No. 4, 1971

“A Local Law Establishing A Traffic Safety Board For Cortland County”

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CORTLAND COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to Article Forty-three, Section Sixteen Hundred Seventy-two of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York, there is hereby established a “Cortland County Traffic Safety Board”.

Section 2. Pursuant to Section Sixteen Hundred and Seventy-three of such law, the Board shall be composed of 20 members appointed by said Board of Supervisors, each and all members of such

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members of said traffic safety board to have the qualifications set forth in such Section Sixteen Hundred Seventy-three.

Section 3. Such Cortland County Traffic Safety Board shall organize, perform the functions, make the reports and operate in the manner set forth in Article Forty-Three, aforesaid.

Section 4. This local law shall become effective as prescribed by law.

NOVEMBER 28, 1978

County of Cortland Local Law No. 3, 1978

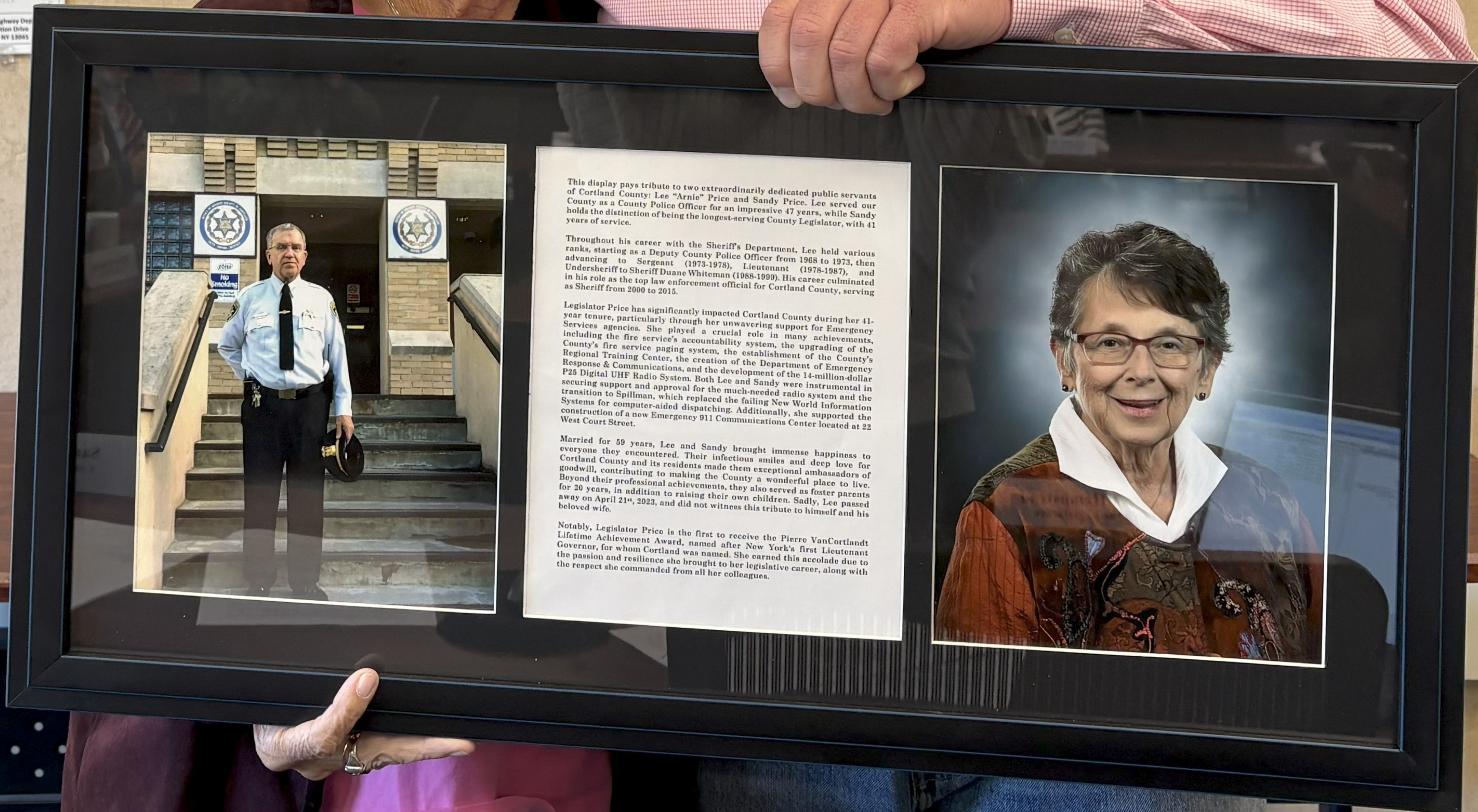
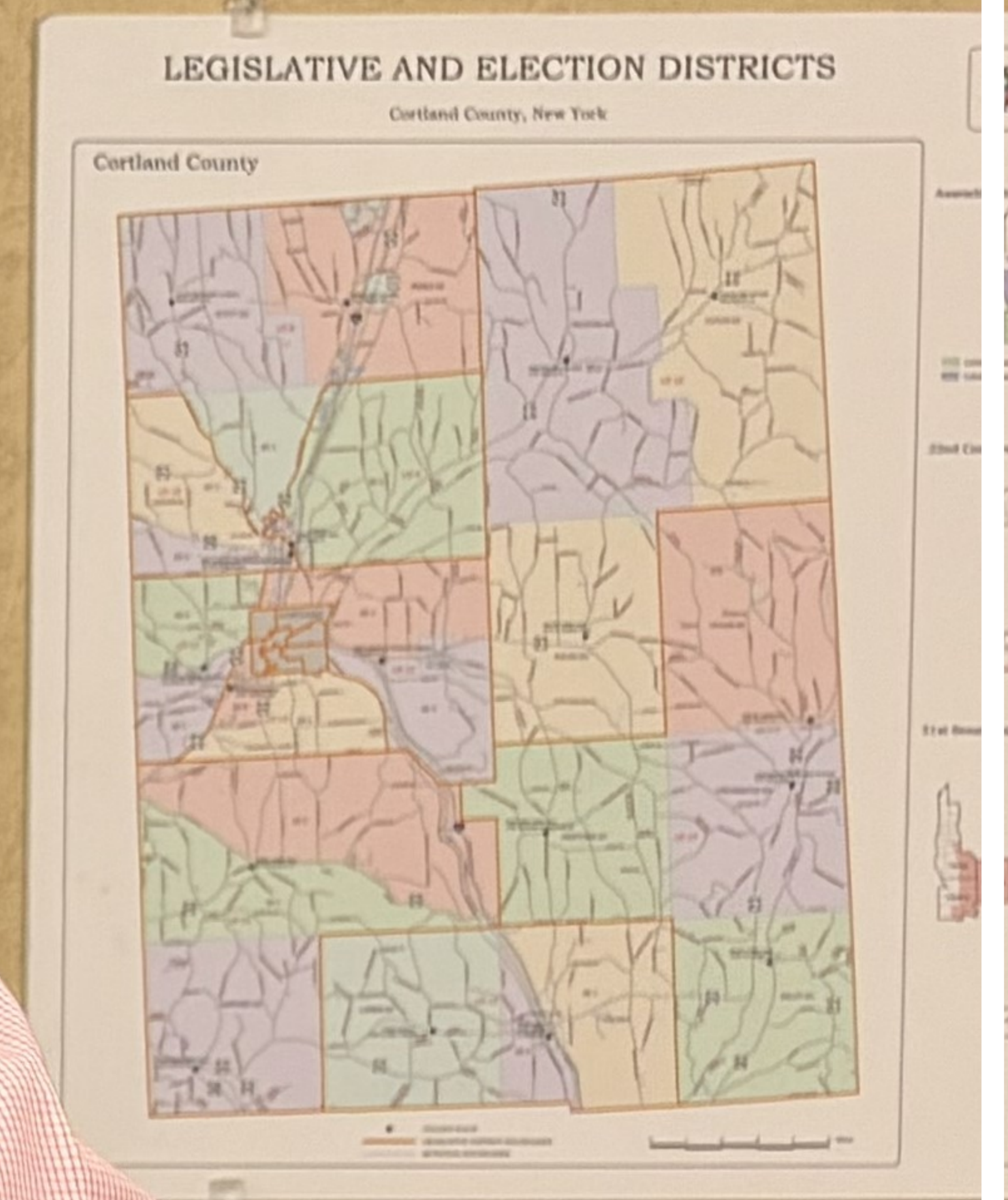
“A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 4 for the Year 1971, Establishing A Traffic Safety Board.”

BE IT ENACTED, by the Cortland County Legislature as follows:

Section 1. Section 2 of Local Law No. 4 for the year 1971 be and hereby is amended to read:

“Section 2: Pursuant to Section Sixteen Hundred Seventy-three of such Law, the Board shall be composed of 12 members appointed by the County Legislature, each and all members of said Traffic Safety Board to have the qualifications set forth in such Section Sixteen Hundred Seventy-three.”

Section 2. This Local Law shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law.



October 2025

911

- EMS response concerns still remain an issue
- Radio Microwave upgrade – awaiting project timeline
- Emergency Fire Dispatching training completed
- Emergency Fire Dispatching go live October 28, 2025
- Fully staffed (currently)
 - Expect two openings in the near future (retirement, career change)
- Rapid SOS program is coming online; already seen benefits
- Accreditation is progressing

Emergency Management

- New RAVE alerting system – up and running; working on mass registration program

Fire Service

- Flood mitigation equipment has begun to arrive from the State.
- Fall firefighter training series in full swing; 24 students
- Using NYS State Office of Fire Prevention & Control for Fire investigations
- Still supporting repairs to radios under grant funding

22 West Court

- Awaiting on County IT to move 911 related servers from COB

Grants

- Significant reduction in Federal Homeland Security grant funding.



DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND COMMUNICATION

Total CAD Calls Received, by Nature of Call in Zone

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
911 HANG UP	106	1.30
911 NOT DISPATCHED	168	2.06
911 OPEN LINE	61	0.75
ABDOMINAL PAIN	9	0.11
ABDOMINAL PAIN II	5	0.06
ADMINISTRATIVE	155	1.90
POLICE ALARM	53	0.65
ALCOHOL OFFENSE	13	0.16
ALLERGIC REACTION	1	0.01
ALLERGIC REACTION III	1	0.01
ANIMAL PROBLEM	96	1.18
ANIMAL BITE II	2	0.02
ARREST VI	3	0.04
ARREST X	2	0.02
ASSAULT	7	0.09
ASSIST	372	4.56
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	42	0.51
FIRE ALARM	56	0.69
BACK PAIN	1	0.01
BACK PAIN II	2	0.02
BAR CHECK	24	0.29
TROUBLE BREATHING	33	0.40
TROUBLE BREATHING II	13	0.16
TROUBLE BREATHING III	3	0.04
GRASS/BRUSH FIRE	2	0.02
BURGLARY	18	0.22
BURNS II	1	0.01
CARBON MONOXIDE	11	0.13
CHEST PAIN	31	0.38
CHEST PAIN II	2	0.02
CHIMNEY FIRE	3	0.04
CHOKING	1	0.01
CHOKING II	2	0.02
CITY CODE VIOLATION	9	0.11
CIVIL ONLY	168	2.06
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	21	0.26
SPECIAL DETAIL	107	1.31
DIABETIC PROBLEM	3	0.04
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	63	0.77
DISTURBANCE	110	1.35
DOMESTIC	69	0.85
DRUG INVESTIGATION	18	0.22

Attachment: DOERC September 2025 calls by nature (13299 : DOERC Monthly Reports)

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
DSS ASSIST/HOME VISIT	28	0.34
DSS NOTIFICATION	64	0.78
ILLEGAL DUMPING	2	0.02
EMERGENCY BUTTON	1	0.01
ACTIVATION		
EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON	42	0.51
EFD	1	0.01
EMS	8	0.10
EQUIPMENT PROBLEM	1	0.01
EYE II	2	0.02
FALL	15	0.18
FALL II	68	0.83
FIELD INVESTIGATION	80	0.98
OUTSIDE FIRE	14	0.17
FOLLOW UP	567	6.95
INVESTIGATION/ACTION		
FOUND PROPERTY	69	0.85
FRAUD	43	0.53
HARASSMENT	128	1.57
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	6	0.07
HEADACHE	2	0.02
HEADACHE II	1	0.01
HEART	8	0.10
HEMORRHAGE	5	0.06
HEMORRHAGE II	6	0.07
INFORMATION	20	0.25
INVESTIGATION	114	1.40
JAIL INVESTIGATION	1	0.01
JUVENILE PROBLEM	34	0.42
LARCENY	136	1.67
LIFTING ASSISTANCE	12	0.15
LOST PROPERTY	29	0.36
MISSING PERSON	10	0.12
NOISE COMPLAINT	63	0.77
NOTIFICATION	81	0.99
OVERDOSE/POISONING III	2	0.02
OVERDOSE/POISONING V	1	0.01
OVERDOSE/POISONING X	2	0.02
OPEN DOOR	9	0.11
COMMUNITY OUTREACH	31	0.38
PARKING COMPLAINT	76	0.93
PROPERTY DAMAGE MVA	132	1.62
PERSONAL INJURY MVA	26	0.32
PREGNANCY	1	0.01
PROCESSING	4	0.05
PROPERTY CHECK	2159	26.45
REPOSSESSION	9	0.11
SEIZURES	13	0.16

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
SEIZURES II	3	0.04
SEND	43	0.53
SERVICE CALL	45	0.55
SEX CRIME	12	0.15
SEX OFFENDER	18	0.22
SHOTS FIRED	7	0.09
SICK PERSON	23	0.28
SICK PERSON II	43	0.53
STOLEN VEHICLE	6	0.07
STROKE	11	0.13
STRUCTURE FIRE	10	0.12
SUSPICIOUS	99	1.21
TEST CALL	30	0.37
TRAFFIC PROBLEM	48	0.59
TRANSFER	28	0.34
TRANSPORT	131	1.60
TRAUMATIC	1	0.01
TRAUMATIC II	11	0.13
TREE DOWN	5	0.06
TRESPASSING	127	1.56
TRAFFIC STOP	1025	12.56
UNCONSCIOUS/FAINTING	26	0.32
UNCONSCIOUS/FAINTING II	2	0.02
UNKNOWN PROBLEM	21	0.26
VEHICLE COMPLAINT	148	1.81
VEHICLE FIRE	5	0.06
WARRANT ARREST	38	0.47
PERSON WITH A WEAPON	7	0.09
WELFARE CHECK	188	2.30
WIRES DOWN	9	0.11

Total reported: 8163

Report Includes:

All dates between `00:00:00 09/01/25` and `23:59:59 09/30/25`, All nature of incidents, All cities, All types, All priorities, All agencies, All zones



DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND COMMUNICATION

CAD Calls by Day and Time

<u>Hour</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Total</u>
00:00-00:59	82	50	55	47	41	55	58	388
01:00-01:59	43	46	37	58	50	65	73	372
02:00-02:59	57	53	24	31	42	55	71	333
03:00-03:59	60	49	25	35	35	39	55	298
04:00-04:59	63	39	41	36	31	44	35	289
05:00-05:59	30	25	18	22	17	23	33	168
06:00-06:59	19	22	11	9	21	17	14	113
07:00-07:59	31	36	28	27	30	17	11	180
08:00-08:59	50	52	35	55	38	31	22	283
09:00-09:59	66	65	48	47	41	34	33	334
10:00-10:59	58	73	48	60	44	56	37	376
11:00-11:59	63	63	67	57	63	48	51	412
12:00-12:59	54	56	46	46	62	46	36	346
13:00-13:59	54	60	51	56	67	45	46	379
14:00-14:59	70	94	63	65	70	48	55	465
15:00-15:59	64	87	52	57	66	46	39	411
16:00-16:59	87	81	59	71	60	60	49	467
17:00-17:59	78	63	68	44	59	69	47	428
18:00-18:59	54	61	57	57	49	49	46	373
19:00-19:59	61	75	48	45	47	59	43	378
20:00-20:59	54	79	49	50	56	65	54	407
21:00-21:59	51	55	51	49	54	53	45	358
22:00-22:59	45	50	42	32	54	50	31	304
23:00-23:59	45	45	28	39	46	61	37	301
Total by Day	1339	1379	1051	1095	1143	1135	1021	8163

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September 2025

911

- EMS response concerns
- Microwave upgrade – awaiting project timeline
- Emergency Fire Dispatching training has begun
- Fully staffed
- Rapid SOS program is coming online; already seen benefits

Emergency Management

- New RAVE alerting system – up and running; much work still to be done

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- Using NYS State Office of Fire Prevention & Control for Fire investigations
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- Awaiting on County IT to move 911 related servers from COB

Grants

- Awaiting announcement of 2026 grant funding rounds.



DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND COMMUNICATION

Total CAD Calls Received, by Nature of Call in Zone

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
911 HANG UP	139	1.65
911 NOT DISPATCHED	146	1.73
911 OPEN LINE	60	0.71
ABDOMINAL PAIN	7	0.08
ABDOMINAL PAIN II	10	0.12
ADMINISTRATIVE	208	2.46
POLICE ALARM	71	0.84
ALCOHOL OFFENSE	24	0.28
ALLERGIC REACTION	1	0.01
ALLERGIC REACTION II	1	0.01
ANIMAL PROBLEM	100	1.18
ARREST VI	5	0.06
ARREST X	6	0.07
ASSAULT	16	0.19
ASSAULT VI	1	0.01
ASSIST	336	3.98
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	47	0.56
FIRE ALARM	74	0.88
BACK PAIN	1	0.01
BACK PAIN II	4	0.05
BAR CHECK	10	0.12
TROUBLE BREATHING	24	0.28
TROUBLE BREATHING II	14	0.17
TROUBLE BREATHING III	3	0.04
GRASS/BRUSH FIRE	5	0.06
BURGLARY	18	0.21
CARBON MONOXIDE	7	0.08
CHEST PAIN	34	0.40
CHIMNEY FIRE	2	0.02
CHOKING	1	0.01
CHOKING II	1	0.01
CITY CODE VIOLATION	8	0.09
CIVIL ONLY	137	1.62
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	41	0.49
SPECIAL DETAIL	78	0.92
DIABETIC PROBLEM	3	0.04
DIABETIC PROBLEM II	1	0.01
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	58	0.69
DISTURBANCE	110	1.30
DOMESTIC	83	0.98
DROWNING II	1	0.01
DRUG INVESTIGATION	15	0.18

Attachment: DOERC August 2025 calls by nature (13299 : DOERC Monthly Reports)

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
DSS ASSIST/HOME VISIT	16	0.19
DSS NOTIFICATION	63	0.75
ILLEGAL DUMPING	5	0.06
EMERGENCY BUTTON	1	0.01
ACTIVATION		
EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED	49	0.58
PERSON		
EMS	6	0.07
EQUIPMENT PROBLEM	8	0.09
EYE II	1	0.01
FALL	6	0.07
FALL II	84	0.99
FALL III	2	0.02
FALL IX	3	0.04
FIELD INVESTIGATION	91	1.08
OUTSIDE FIRE	18	0.21
FOLLOW UP	548	6.49
INVESTIGATION/ACTION		
FOUND PROPERTY	54	0.64
FRAUD	26	0.31
HARASSMENT	139	1.65
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	12	0.14
HEADACHE	3	0.04
HEART	8	0.09
HEMORRHAGE	7	0.08
HEMORRHAGE II	8	0.09
INFORMATION	17	0.20
INVESTIGATION	127	1.50
JUVENILE PROBLEM	36	0.43
LARCENY	93	1.10
LIFTING ASSISTANCE	7	0.08
LOST PROPERTY	24	0.28
MISSING PERSON	13	0.15
NOISE COMPLAINT	71	0.84
NOTIFICATION	75	0.89
OVERDOSE/POISONING II	3	0.04
OVERDOSE/POISONING III	2	0.02
OVERDOSE/POISONING V	2	0.02
OPEN DOOR	6	0.07
COMMUNITY OUTREACH	48	0.57
PARKING COMPLAINT	58	0.69
PROPERTY DAMAGE MVA	112	1.33
PERSONAL INJURY MVA	21	0.25
PERSONAL INJURY MVA IX	1	0.01
PREGNANCY	3	0.04
PREGNANCY II	1	0.01
PROCESSING	2	0.02
PROPERTY CHECK	2259	26.75
REPOSSESSION	18	0.21

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
ROBBERY	1	0.01
SEIZURES	6	0.07
SEIZURES II	3	0.04
SEND	30	0.36
SERVICE CALL	33	0.39
SEX CRIME	10	0.12
SEX OFFENDER	15	0.18
SHOTS FIRED	8	0.09
SICK PERSON	19	0.22
SICK PERSON II	44	0.52
STOLEN VEHICLE	7	0.08
STROKE	15	0.18
STRUCTURE FIRE	13	0.15
SUSPICIOUS	84	0.99
TEST CALL	22	0.26
TRAFFIC PROBLEM	43	0.51
TRANSFER	23	0.27
TRANSPORT	122	1.44
TRAUMATIC	2	0.02
TRAUMATIC II	3	0.04
TRAUMATIC IV	1	0.01
TREE DOWN	18	0.21
TRESPASSING	130	1.54
TRAFFIC STOP	1302	15.42
UNCONSCIOUS/FAINTING	15	0.18
UNCONSCIOUS/FAINTING II	2	0.02
UNKNOWN PROBLEM	12	0.14
VEHICLE COMPLAINT	156	1.85
VEHICLE FIRE	8	0.09
WARRANT ARREST	32	0.38
WATER PROBLEM/PUMPING	1	0.01
DETAIL		
PERSON WITH A WEAPON	9	0.11
WELFARE CHECK	178	2.11
WIRES DOWN	11	0.13

Total reported: 8446

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DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND COMMUNICATION

Agencies Involved Incident Summary Report, by Agency

<u>Law Incidents</u>	<u>Count</u>
CORTLANDVILLE FIRE	4
CORTLAND COUNTY CORONER	12
CORTLAND COUNTY JAIL	86
CORTLAND CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	2140
CORTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT	1948
NYS DEC AND FOREST RANGER	7
DEPT OF EMERG RESP AND COMM	668
HOMER VILLAGE POLICE DEPT	684
NEW YORK STATE POLICE	1271
CORTLAND COUNTY SPCA	1
TLC AMBULANCE	9
SUNY CORTLAND PD	1281

<u>Fire Incidents</u>	<u>Count</u>
CINCINNATUS FIRE	15
CITY OF CORTLAND FIRE	291
CUYLER FIRE	11
HARFORD FIRE	19
HOMER FIRE	75
MARATHON FIRE	26
MCGRAW FIRE	24
PREBLE FIRE	16
TRUXTON FIRE	20
VIRGIL FIRE	42
WILLET FIRE	4
CORTLAND COUNTY FIRE	15
CORTLANDVILLE FIRE	82
MAVAC AMBULANCE	3
AIR METHODS HELICOPTER	5
CAMPUS RESCUE	9
DEPT OF EMERG RESP AND COMM	30
NEW YORK STATE POLICE	2
TLC AMBULANCE	12
SUNY CORTLAND PD	1

<u>EMS Incidents</u>	<u>Count</u>
CINCINNATUS FIRE	10
CITY OF CORTLAND FIRE	17
MARATHON FIRE	2
PREBLE FIRE	2
TRUXTON FIRE	2
VIRGIL FIRE	2

Attachment: DOERC August 2025 Agency summary by incident type (13299 : DOERC Monthly Reports)

<u>EMS Incidents</u>	<u>Count</u>
CINCINNATUS AMBULANCE	33
MAVAC AMBULANCE	70
CAMPUS RESCUE	3
CORTLAND COUNTY JAIL	1
DEPT OF EMERG RESP AND COMM	3
DRYDEN AMBULANCE	42
GROTON FIRE DEPARTMENT	12
MADISON COUNTY AMBULANCE	4
TLC AMBULANCE	504
TULLY FIRE DEPARTMENT	2

Report Includes:

All dates between `00:00:00 08/01/25` and `23:59:59 08/31/25`, All agencies, All officers, All dispositions, All natures, All locations, All cities, All clearance codes, All observed offenses, All reported offenses, All offense codes



DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND COMMUNICATION

CAD Calls by Day and Time

<u>Hour</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Total</u>
00:00-00:59	62	50	35	46	54	70	81	398
01:00-01:59	62	46	34	48	52	72	74	388
02:00-02:59	57	29	24	55	55	70	40	330
03:00-03:59	49	43	25	54	50	47	64	332
04:00-04:59	42	35	37	26	40	43	44	267
05:00-05:59	20	36	18	26	28	29	25	182
06:00-06:59	21	19	13	18	28	15	27	141
07:00-07:59	26	30	23	25	38	24	26	192
08:00-08:59	32	42	24	54	50	34	35	271
09:00-09:59	47	48	38	71	74	70	42	390
10:00-10:59	49	48	61	52	72	63	57	402
11:00-11:59	58	56	52	71	63	56	55	411
12:00-12:59	53	43	53	35	51	60	46	341
13:00-13:59	53	64	41	42	65	57	58	380
14:00-14:59	44	47	50	69	55	58	49	372
15:00-15:59	50	68	53	70	72	60	39	412
16:00-16:59	43	56	68	64	76	60	58	425
17:00-17:59	46	52	50	59	79	71	77	434
18:00-18:59	66	44	52	49	52	61	51	375
19:00-19:59	51	62	59	53	78	59	64	426
20:00-20:59	62	51	63	40	69	75	73	433
21:00-21:59	51	48	58	58	59	65	60	399
22:00-22:59	47	52	50	46	55	61	41	352
23:00-23:59	34	48	43	44	91	76	57	393
Total by Day	1125	1117	1024	1175	1406	1356	1243	8446

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PROBATION STATISTICS 2025

CRIMINAL COURT

	Jan		Feb		March		April		May		June		July		August		Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec	
Year 20'	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25
On Probation	338	350	334	344	326	344	330	337	329	339	338	334	347	329	345	332	351	327	343		34		344	
Reports Completed	19	21	13	24	28	19	22	16	20	16	34	29	26	27	22	22	15	24	23		22		18	

FAMILY COURT

	Jan		Feb		March		April		May		June		July		August		Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec	
Year 20'	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25
Adult Probation	23	18	21	17	21	15	21	14	19	14	20	12	20	11	21	11	20	11	20		20		18	
Youth Probation	10	17	10	11	11	16	11	15	13	15	11	10	10	10	10	10	11	5	14		16		17	
PINS in Diversion	34	28	35	32	33	32	37	31	37	32	36	30	30	30	26	26	26	22	27		24		28	
JD in Diversion	12	4	10	2	10	5	4	5	3	5	7	1	4	1	3	1	3	1	2		4		4	
Reports Completed	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	1	1		1		0	

TOTAL ON PROBATION ALL COURTS and receiving Diversion Services:

2024 – Jan. 417, Feb. 410, March 401, April 403, May 398, June 412, July 411, August 405, Sept. 411, Oct. 413, Nov. 409, Dec. 411

2025 – Jan. 417, Feb. 406, March 412, April 392, May 395, June 387, July 381, Aug. 370, Sept. 366

RELEASED TO ATI (Pre-trial):

2024 – Jan. 85, Feb. 84, March 86, April 80, May 95, June 102, July 94, August 101, Sept. 100, Oct. 84, Nov. 83

2025 – Jan. 60, Feb. 60, March 60, April 47, May 50, June 49, July 51, Aug. 51, Sept. 56

PROBATION STATISTICS 2025

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On Probation	338	350	334	344	326	344	330	337	329	339	338	334	347	329	345	332	351		343		34		344	
Reports Completed	19	21	13	24	28	19	22	16	20	16	34	29	26	27	22	22	15		22		22		18	

FAMILY COURT

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Youth Probation	10	17	10	11	11	16	11	15	13	15	11	10	10	10	10	10	11		14		16		17	
PINS in Diversion	34	28	35	32	33	32	37	31	37	32	36	30	30	30	26	26	26		27		24		28	
JD in Diversion	12	4	10	2	10	5	4	5	3	5	7	1	4	1	3	1	3		2		4		4	
Reports Completed	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	3	2	0	2		1		1		0	

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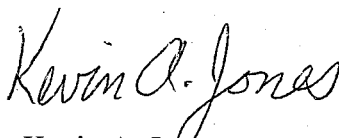
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2025

Year-
to-date

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	2022	17	24	32	29	30	17	28	26	29	21	20	31	304
	2023	37	39	13	33	30	30	17	39	28	3	20	22	311
	2024	11	13	23	31	26	28	21	13	44	29	25	29	293
	2025	15	22	33	32	32	27	32	35	49				277
Felonies	2020	13	19	8	4	6	17	22	15	25	21	9	14	173
	2021	9	10	23	13	24	16	12	16	24	14	25	16	202
	2022	14	7	11	22	11	11	20	7	10	12	15	8	148
	2023	10	15	5	14	8	11	14	13	6	8	17	14	135
	2024	11	9	8	13	18	6	9	4	12	5	7	14	116
	2025	15	11	13	21	8	5	8	4	8				93
Misdemeanors	2020	34	32	28	8	6	36	44	53	55	60	34	31	421
	2021	32	36	52	65	76	59	44	60	64	42	43	42	615
	2022	60	56	37	63	79	33	61	26	36	36	29	38	554
	2023	33	44	53	35	43	45	41	36	33	43	30	33	469
	2024	36	32	26	47	32	36	36	24	31	23	24	30	377
	2025	52	48	29	40	27	15	10	25	44				290
Violations	2020	7	6	6	0	1	5	5	4	7	20	6	5	72
	2021	3	9	12	7	11	7	10	5	14	6	11	7	102
	2022	9	10	3	10	13	8	6	7	1	62	5		135
	2023	2	3	7	4	1	3	5	8	8	7	4	8	60
	2024	3	3	6	2	3	3	6	5	6	5	2	4	48
	2025	5	5	1	3	4	10	2	2	2				34
Arrestments/Advice Only	2020	8	10	7	4	8	15	22	21	19	22	17	15	168
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	2022	24	19	27	25	26	28	31	30	27	33	31	38	339
	2023	25	26	29	26	19	16	9	0	0	0	0		150
	2024	14	10	39	36	27	21	14	49	37	55	24	30	356
	2025	27	24	45	33	31	40	41	38	57				336
Supreme Court	2020	2	0	0	0	2	3	1	2	4	1	0	0	15
Integrated Domestic Violence (IDV) or Matrimonial	2021	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	8
	2022	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	9
	2023	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		1
	2024	0	0	1	0	3	0	6	4	6	1	0	0	21
	2025	3	0	1	4	1	9	3	3	0				24
Parole	2020	6	4	8	1	0	1	2	4	1	5	2	2	36
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	2023	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0		4
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	2025	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	1				6
Fugitive	2020	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4
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	2023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
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	2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
	2025	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
Total per month	2020	110	103	90	35	36	99	121	119	154	155	93	89	1204
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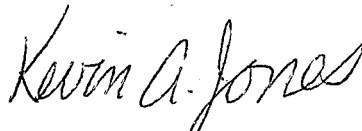
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2025 DA Statistics

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Fel-County & City	24	25	16	22	19	28	31	40	35	36	13	23
Misd City	28	27	17	30	23	22	30	28	27	29	26	23
Misd County	35	40	35	40	36	38	52	42	40	35	29	51
Violations City	10	1	9	8	12	9	7	19	16	31	11	24
Violations County	2	8	5	6	12	6	1	5	2	9	3	13
Sealed Indictments	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	1
TOTALS:	99	101	82	106	102	103	123	134	122	141	83	135
Vehicle and Traffic	271	262	208	140	223	262	404	182	344	193	313	347
DWI's	11	22	10	20	10	24	24	25	15	19	9	15
	July 2024	July 2025	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2024	Dec 2025
Fel-County & City	25	38	23	18	26	38	17		11		48	
Misd City	35	20	42	30	39	25	31		19		35	
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Violations City	10	25	12	21	26	25	21		17		8	
Violations County	9	10	3	6	5	3	3		4		4	
Sealed Indictments	0	0	1	0	3	0	2		0		1	
TOTALS:	93	131	116	120	142	118	106	0	76	0	151	0
Vehicle and Traffic	335	270	301	277	208	227	186		287		354	
DWI's	16	13	11	8	23	14	10		13		27	

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JPS MEETING - SEPTEMBER, 2025 REPORT

DENIALS

Financially Ineligible	2
Case Type	13
Incomplete Application	0

CONFLICTS

Family Court		75
Criminal Court		
Felonies	17	
Misdemeanors	50	
Violations	23	
Infractions	0	
Appeals	0	
Subtotal		90
Total		165

PD ASSIGNMENTS

Family Court		41
Criminal Court		
Felonies	9	
Misdemeanors	49	
Violations	7	
Infractions	0	
Appeals	0	
Subtotal		65
Total		106

TOTAL PD CASES ASSIGNED

Assigned by AC	106
Assigned by Courts	7
Total	113

ILS HURRELL-HARRING GRANT MONEY RECEIVED

Since Inception: \$ 1,407,283.54

ILS RATE INCREASE REIMBURSEMENT MONEY RECEIVED

01/01/2025-09/30/2025: \$ 575,917.14

COUNSEL AT FIRST ARRIAGNMENT

After Hours	18B	PD
Sep-25	11	13
Aug-25	19	9
Jul-25	23	20
Jun-25	15	14
May-25	16	14
Apr-25	34	8
Mar-25	17	14
Feb-25	18	16
Jan-25	16	4
Dec-24	40	12
Nov-24	18	10
Oct-24	15	15
NOT After Hours	18B	PD
Sep-25	21	39
Aug-25	18	29
Jul-25	16	21
Jun-25	21	26
May-25	24	16
Apr-25	22	21
Mar-25	14	25
Feb-25	13	17
Jan-25	17	23
Dec-24	32	16
Nov-24	14	15
Oct-24	13	18

Attachment: 9-September (13297 : Assigned Counsel Monthly Report)

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JPS MEETING - AUGUST, 2025 REPORT

DENIALS

Financially Ineligible	2
Case Type	7
Incomplete Application	0

CONFLICTS

Family Court	81
Criminal Court	
Felonies	27
Misdemeanors	55
Violations	16
Infractions	0
Appeals	2
Subtotal	100
Total	181

PD ASSIGNMENTS

Family Court	31
Criminal Court	
Felonies	7
Misdemeanors	24
Violations	3
Infractions	0
Appeals	0
Subtotal	34
Total	65

TOTAL PD CASES ASSIGNED

Assigned by AC	65
Assigned by Courts	6
Total	71

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Cortland County Coroner

2025 Death Report

<u>January</u> Deaths---9 Autopsies----4	<u>February</u> Deaths---6 Autopsies---3	<u>March</u> Deaths--7 Autopsies--1
<u>April</u> Deaths--6 Autopsies--3	<u>May</u> Deaths--7 Autopsies-4	<u>June</u> Deaths---6 Autopsies--5
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Cortland Man Among 17 Individuals Arrested Following Major Drug Takedown of CNY Fentanyl, Meth, & Cocaine Trafficking Network – Weapons & Over \$800k in Cash Found

Attorney General (AG) for New York, Letitia James, says 17 people have been indicted for their role in a major drug trafficking network throughout Central New York. The drug network, James says, distributed fentanyl, heroin, cocaine, and meth. The drug network included Onondaga, Oneida, Madison, Cortland, and Tompkins Counties.

The investigation led by the Attorney General Organized Crime Task Force (OCTF) led to the seizure of 23 pounds of fentanyl worth over \$625,000, the largest single seizure of fentanyl powder by the task force. Law enforcement also found nearly 4 pounds of cocaine worth over \$125,000, and over 12 pounds of meth worth over \$32,000.

AG James says the 23 pounds of fentanyl found is enough to kill one New Yorker every 6 seconds for an entire year.

Cash and weapons were also seized as part of the major investigation. In total, \$880,000 in cash was found tied to the drug trafficking, James says, and three illegal firearms, and two vehicles used to transport the drugs.

The indictment, which was unsealed in Onondaga County Court Tuesday morning, charged the 17 defendants with 125 crimes.

“Traffickers who flood our communities with fentanyl and other drugs are threatening the important progress New York has made in reducing overdoses and fighting the opioid crisis,” said Attorney General James. “Thanks to the hard work of this investigation and our law enforcement partners, we took more than five million deadly doses of fentanyl off our streets. I will continue to use every resource at my disposal to put an end to these destructive drug trafficking rings and keep New Yorkers safe from dangerous narcotics.”

The 17 individuals who were charged in relation to their involvement in the narcotics trafficking operation, including various counts of Criminal Sale and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance (class A, B, and C felonies), and/or Conspiracy to commit those crimes, include:

Etien M. Berrios, 45 years old, of Syracuse, NY
 Chase Cahoon, 39 years old, of Rome, NY
 Cory M. Ching, 32 years old, of Poland, NY
 Ronnie R. Evanciew, 29 years old, of Taberg, NY
 Tyler J. Forshee, 30 years old, of Cortland, NY
 Joshua B. Goyette, 47 years old, of Freeville, NY

Jaquan T. Jones, a/k/a "Flame", 31 years old, of Syracuse, NY
Gary M. Jordan, 53 years old, of Rome, NY
Cody E. Lane, 29 years old, of Rome, NY
Nicole E. Lighthall, 29 years old, of Forestport, NY
Alexander Medina, 24 years old, of Syracuse, NY
Antonio Sanchez, 37 years old, of New Rochelle, NY
Autumn R. Schneider, 28 years old, of Bridgeport, NY
Heather R. Sharpsteen, 39 years old, of Groton, NY
Joshua J. Stimpson, 29 years old, of Bridgeport, NY
Zachary M. Thornhill, 36 years old, of Liverpool, NY
Amanda L. Valenti, 41 years old, of Genoa, NY

The investigation took place from September 2024 through May of 2025. AG James says the investigation uncovered a drug trafficking ring centered around Jaquan Jones, aka "Flame," who distributed fentanyl, heroin, cocaine, and meth to customers throughout the CNY Region.

AG James says Jones purchased "significant" quantities of fentanyl, cocaine, and meth from Antonio Sanchez and others, and supplied drugs to a large network of dealers.

The dealers included: Etien Berrios, Ronnie Evanciew, Tyler Forshee, Joshua Goyette, Gary Jordan, Cody Lane, Nicole Lighthall, Autumn Schneider, Heather Sharpsteen, Joshua Stimpson, Zachary Thornhill, and Amanda Valenti.

The investigation found Jones would arrange the sale of the drugs through text messages and tell his customers to meet at a common location where he would show-up and sell them all at once. Codewords were also used to refer to the drugs: "Soft" for cocaine, "Fet" or "Fetty" for Fentanyl, and "Ice" for meth. Drugs sold by Jones to his customers would then sell those drugs throughout the region. AG James says Jones is charged with Operating as a Major Trafficker, which carries a mandatory life sentence in state prison..

Investigators recovered nearly 22 pounds of fentanyl, and 12 ounces of cocaine Jones was storing in a garage attached to a house in Syracuse. A search of an apartment rented by Sanchez in Onondaga County also led to the seizure of fentanyl mixed with heroin and ketamine, along with scales, glassines, and cutting agents, AG James says.

"Joshua Stimpson, who is also charged with Operating as a Major Trafficker, worked in conjunction with his partner, Autumn Schneider, and others to sell the drugs they bought from Jones throughout Oneida and Madison Counties. The investigation recovered more than five ounces of fentanyl, more than two ounces of cocaine, and five pounds of methamphetamine from their home."

According to the release.

The investigation was led by OAG OCTF Detective Toby Lindfield, under the supervision of OCTF Assistant Chief Investigator John Monte and Deputy Chief Investigator Andrew Boss. The OAG's Investigations Division is led by Chief Oliver Pu-Folkes.