

Delaware County Board of Supervisors

PRESS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

On November 4th, 2020, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors' Chairwoman Tina Mole convened the first Delaware County Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative committee meeting. At Chairwoman Mole's direction, the initial committee meeting was facilitated by Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond to provide the Committee with an introduction to the Sheriff's Office as well as an overview of current operations and general statistics.

The Committee was formed in response to Governor Cuomo's 2020 New York State Executive Order 203 which requires each chief executive officer of the local government to convene the head of the local police agency and stakeholders in the community to develop a plan that reviews and is tailored to the specific needs of the community which fosters and improves community and police relationships.

The Committee includes the following individuals:

Tina Molé –Delaware County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman / Town of Bovina Supervisor

Craig DuMond –Delaware County Sheriff

John Hubbard –Delaware County District Attorney

Joseph Ermeti –Delaware County Public Defender

Scott Glueckert –Delaware County Probation Director

Bud Gladstone –Town of Andes Supervisor

Mary Rosenthal –Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council of Delaware County Executive Director / Suicide Prevention Coalition of Delaware County Co-Chair

Cindy Heaney –Community Services of Delaware County Director

Debra Mierop –Delaware County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services Clinic Director

Joyce St. George –SUNY Delhi Adjunct Instructor of Liberal Arts & Sciences / Catskills Addiction Coalition

Reverend John Grenier –Oneonta Assembly of God Church / Delaware County Correctional Facility Chaplin

Erdem Kâhyaoglu –Osmanli Dergah, Sidney Center Member / Hamden Filling Station Owner

Simon Purdy –SUNY Delhi Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice

Jason Craig –Cedarwood Environmental, Village of Walton Wastewater Treatment Plant Assistant Chief Operator / Delaware County Fair Board / Community Volunteer

Dr. Samantha Cole –MSW, DSW LCSW / Community Mental Health Counselor and Advocate

Jen Cutting –CARC, CRPA, Rape Crisis Counselor / Community Volunteer

Jessica Farrell –NAMI Delaware & Otsego Counties / Mental Health Justice Project / Artist / Community Volunteer

Walt Keller –DEC Region 4, Regional Fisheries Manager and FEMA Reservist, Retired / NAMI Delaware & Otsego Counties, Advocacy / Mental Health Justice Project / Suicide Prevention Coalition of Delaware County

Due to COVID-19 social distancing measures the public and press were not permitted at the initial meeting. The meeting recording is available on the Delaware County, NY Government Facebook page, Instagram account, YouTube channel and website, as well as on the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Facebook page and website.

Delaware County residents will be updated regarding our next Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative committee meeting via our social media pages and websites as mentioned previously. The date for the next meeting has yet to be determined, however the meeting will be livestreamed online in addition to being recorded and available after the meeting.

The Delaware County Board of Supervisors represents a population of approximately 45,000 residents within 1,467 square miles which is divided into 19 towns.

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