GENESEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOCUS GROUP MONITORING REPORT
MARCH 2010

Action	Law Enforcement and Emergency Mgt. Focus Group Recommendation Summary	Priority	Time frame	Monitoring Report
LE01	Maintain and enhance a strong Criminal Justice Advisory Council (CJAC) to ensure collaboration among criminal justice and support agencies. Utilize the CJAC to **accumulate and analyze data information and trends. The CJAC will be responsible to synthesize this data to address staffing needs, system capacity and appropriate resource usage to develop relevant initiatives and policies.**	Key	On-going	CJAC - **The Crime Victims subcommittee meets regularly to address issues impacting Victim needs within the Criminal Justice System. The Jail, Youth Court, Sex Offender and Electronic Monitoring subcommittees meet on an as needed basis. The Electronic Monitoring subcommittee does not feel the level of technology currently available is reliable enough for general use. The Subcommittee would like to see DCJS (NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services) work with vendors to perfect some form of this technology and then place it on State Contract. Aside from perfecting the technology itself, additional personnel resources will be required to monitor whatever system(s) become available. The number of male inmates in the Jail has remained at a stable level. Female inmates are currently housed primarily at the Orleans or Wyoming County Jails.** Genesee Co. is responsible for medical care as well as all other incarceration costs. The State is proposing reducing funding for housing juvenile offenders, which now costs approximately $485/day. The State would only pay half the daily rate for the first 45 days so the County has to pick up the remaining costs. **The State did end reimbursement to the County for housing parole violators, which was $37.60/day or approximately $110,000/year (our estimated Jail costs are $80/day).**
LE02	Recruit and retain fire and EMS volunteers.	Key	On-going	Coordinator's Office – **The 2009 SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response) grant application was not funded so it has been rewritten and resubmitted for 2010. The 2010 grant application is solely for marketing and advertising and will involve Lake Plains Community Care Network.**
LE03	Increase the County's role in the training of public safety and emergency management personnel in the dispatch function.		On-going	E 911 Operations Board – **Completed Consolidation of Emergency Dispatch services within Genesee Co. is now complete. Training of public safety and emergency management personnel will now be an on-going function of the Emergency Dispatch Center.**

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LE05	Public schools, social service agencies, and law enforcement agencies should continue to work together and to build on the accomplishments of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Committee (JJCC).		On-going	CJAC – **Currently in Albany there is no further "discussion" that the State may raise the age of "Juvenile Delinquent" from less than 16 to less than 18 years of age, a change that has already occurred in every other state. Currently, 16 and 17 year olds can be housed in the County Jail but this possible change would require other, significantly more expensive ($80 vs. $485/day), placement in a juvenile detention facility. The PINS (Person In Need of Supervision) and Juvenile Delinquent population has decreased since last summer.**
LE11	Implement a front-end screening instrument for offenders.		On-going	**Genesee Justice reports a plateau in the number of (Release Under Supervision) RUS clients experienced in 2009, with a daily average 115 clients being supervised. The Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives continue to indicate that they will likely be requiring all NY State Pre-Trial release programs to use needs/risk assessment surveys in the near future. Given the large RUS supervision caseload, number of Bail Evaluations completed annually (518) and the need for risk assessment instruments, additional staffing will be required to meet the evolving standards for this program, when funds permit.**
LE13	Improved WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction) and Counter Terrorism training and preparedness for Law Enforcement, Fire Service, and Medical (EMS and Hospital) Agencies.		On-going	Coordinator's Office/Chief Law Enforcement Executive Committee – **The OEM (Office of Emergency Management) continues to offer training programs for all Fire, EMS and law enforcement agencies as requests are made and resources permit. Training on issues such as counter-terrorism and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) may be scheduled along with annual "fit testing" for respiratory equipment. The NYS Office of Homeland Security offers several counter terrorism training courses for first responders. OEM office has secured a grant to purchase a vehicle for transporting WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction), and Health Dept trailers through DHS (Office of Homeland Security) grants.**

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LE17	Deployment of Pictometry to local law enforcement and fire depts.		On-going	Coordinator's Office –**A couple of local fire departments have requested installation of Pictometry. The NY State Police also have Pictometry capabilities available upon request.** Pictometry has also been integrated into the Emergency Dispatch Center's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), which allows dispatchers to pass along important information gleaned from the photos to responding units.
LE18	Maintain a strong commitment to combating drug and alcohol abuse, especially DWI and underage drinking.	Key	On-going	Chief Law Enforcement Executive Committee – **Law Enforcement Agencies within the County continue to work with GCASA (Genesee Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse) to conduct "compliance checks" of local establishments to make sure alcohol is not being sold to underage individuals. Funding for this program may be in jeopardy and without such funding the "compliance checks" cannot be performed. GCASA is sponsoring a new approach for youth related substance abuse entitled "accountability circles" and continuing its "responsible server" training. LeRoy School has decided to impose sanctions against students who violate substance abuse policies across all school-sponsored activities, not just athletics. Laws need to be modified to better deal with underage drinking.**
LE19	Participation with the State's NY Alert system	Key	On-going	Coordinator's Office – **By summer 2010, NYALERT should be fully operational. Some subscribers were "lost" due to a software upgrade. Contact has been made with the FCC (Federal Communication Commission) to see if NYALERT can make use of "cell bursting" which allows contacting all cell phones within range of one, or more, cell towers, to pass along emergency notifications.**
LE20	Make more effective use of existing computer software systems to share client information amongst involved agencies.		On-going	CJAC – **Genesee Justice and Probation are now entering data on their clients on a daily basis, which is shared automatically with the Emergency Dispatch Center, but currently can not automatically be shared out to the mobile units in the field. There is a couple of software "modules" offered by New World Systems that could help with automatic sharing of information and these will be studied.**

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LE21 **NEW**	**Continued sharing of law enforcement and emergency management equipment and resources amongst all agencies to reduce duplication of services/equipment thereby saving tax dollars.**		**On-going**	**Chief Law Enforcement Executive Committee and Emergency Management Office – While local, county and state agencies currently are doing a good job now, it is recommended consideration be given to developing a list of available resources so all agencies will know what is available to them. The recent series of raids on Meth labs within the County is an example of the high level of cooperation that exists between agencies from multiple jurisdictions.**
LE22 **NEW**	**Law enforcement, fire, emergency medical and emergency management agencies should be aware of the important role they play in contributing to the "Livable Communities" effort within the County and its local municipalities.**		**On-going**	**LE&EMS Focus Group: Member agencies will continue to work to make our community safe and secure by working to maintain the high level of services now available to our community at the most cost effective means possible**.

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Please Note: The following Actions have been completed:

LE03 Increase **County's role in the training of public safety and emergency mgt. personnel in the dispatch function**
LE04 Form CJAC subcommittee comprised of chief law enforcement executives.
LE06 Staffing needs of the Public Defender's Office should be analyzed by the CJAC.
LE07 Develop a plan for providing the Sheriff's Office with needed space.
LE08 Develop a plan for consolidating the Probation Department and providing needed space.
LE09 Study EMS space needs.
LE10 Study the issue of offender accountability and develop specific plans to address areas of weakness in the system.
LE12 Develop a more effective treatment approach for mentally ill/chemical abusing offenders in order to reduce periods of incarceration.
LE14 Improved Counter-Terrorism Awareness and Training.
LE15 Improvements to Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Medical Services response capacity for incidents at County Airport.
LE16 WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction) Response Plan.

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Abbreviations/Acronyms

CJAC Criminal Justice Advisory Council
DCJS NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services
DWI Driving While Intoxicated
EMS Emergency Medical Services
GCASA Genesee Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse
GIS Geographic Information System
ICS Incident Command System
JJCC Juvenile Justice Coordinating Committee
NIMS National Incident Management System
OEM Genesee County Office of Emergency Management
OHS State Office of Homeland Security
R&R Recruitment and Retention
RUS Release Under Supervision
SAFER Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response
UMMC United Memorial Medical Center
WMD Weapons of Mass Destruction