

PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2009
5:00 p.m.

The Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Monday, April 6, 2009 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: R. Materese, (Chair), M. Diffendorf, J. Marinich, S. Messina, M. Whalen

Members Absent: none

Others Present: P. Brennan, Public Works; M. Kalka, Budget; S. Buchta, J. Hutchings, J. Garnar, G. LaBare, W. Howard, E. Denk, C. Marion, J. Kamin, Legislature

The Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 5:06 p.m..

An open discussion was held by the Committee. Mr. Materese called upon Mr. Garnar for an update on the "Texting while Driving" resolution. Mr. Garnar asked Chris Marion, Legislative Assistant to give a short presentation regarding the draft of a Resolution/Local Law on prohibiting the use of wireless handsets to compose, read, or send text messages while operating a motor vehicle.

Mr. Brennan, Public Works gave an update on the Police Consolidation for Broome County.

Mr. Materese made a statement commending the professional behavior our Binghamton and surrounding Police Departments, our area SWAT Teams, all Emergency Responders, including the New York State Police, and the Broome County Sheriff's Department, who assisted at the scene and handled some of Binghamton's Police calls, and numerous other law enforcement agencies. Mr. Materese extended from all of the County Legislators their heartfelt gratitude and support to all Emergency Teams that assisted with the response to the tragic event which occurred at the American Civic Association in Binghamton, on April 3rd.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm.