INSIDE EDGE LEARNING

NYSAC Legislative Conference
January 27-29, 2020
Desmond Hotel, Albany NY
“Many of the firefighters who went up there, it was the last time we saw them. But they went up. They went up and climbed the narrow stairs to help those that were in their greatest moment of need.”

JOSEPH PFEIFER
Chief of Counterterrorism and Emergency Preparedness, FDNY

Chief Pfeifer has commanded some of the largest fires and emergencies in the department’s history and was the first FDNY Chief at the World Trade Center attack on the morning of September 11, 2001.
JANINE DRIVER is the CEO of the Body Language Institute, a NY Times Best-Selling author, an international trainer, TEDx presenter, and award-winning keynote speaker. Janine attained rank #6 on the World’s Top 30 Body Language Professionals and was named one of the top 20 educational trendsetters in the meetings industry by Meetings Today Magazine. Janine is a popular guest on the Dr. Oz Show, Anderson Cooper, NBC’s TODAY, FOX News, CNN’s Larry King Live, and more. She has been quoted in publications such as the New York Times, the Washington Post, Cosmopolitan and Psychology Today. Janine spent over 16 years as a federal law enforcement officer within the Department of Justice and now shares her cunning people-reading skills with thousands of law enforcement officers, lawyers, and judges, as well as the ATF, FBI, CIA, DIA, and International Association of Chiefs of Police.
Join us for a special reception highlighting the flavors of New York State at an array of special food stations featuring regional favorites. Stroll through a series of exhibits promoting New York State products and regional tourism. Sample NYS craft beers, ciders, and other products that celebrate the best of New York!

Monday, January 27th
6:00pm-8:00pm

King Street Ballroom  (Ticket Required)

Celebrating New York’s Bounty!
Monday, January 27th

8:30am-5:30pm  Registration

9:30am-11:00am  NYSAC Standing Cmts. (Track I)
    Public Employee Relations
    Children with Special Needs
    Agriculture & Rural Affairs
    Taxation & Finance
    Public Health and Mental Health
    Transportation & Public Works

11:30am-1:00pm  NYSAC Standing Cmts. (Track II)
    Economic Development,
    Environment, and Energy
    Medicaid & Human Services
    Native American Affairs
    Public Safety
    Intergovernmental Relations

1:00pm-2:00pm  NYSAC Luncheon
    Special Guest: Hon. Thomas DiNapoli
    NYS Comptroller (Invited)

1:00pm-5:00pm  Exhibits Open

2:00pm-3:15pm  Workshop Session I

2:00pm-3:15pm  NYSAC Climate Resiliency Cmt

3:45pm-5:00pm  Resolutions Committee Meeting

3:45pm-5:00pm  Workshop Session II

5:00pm-6:00pm  NYMIR Member Reception

6:00pm-8:00pm  Taste of New York!
    A reception featuring NYS food and beverages to celebrate the bounty of New York!
    Ticket required
    Special Guest: Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul (Invited)

Tuesday, January 28th

7:30am-8:45am  General Breakfast

9:00am-10:15am  Opening Plenary Session
    Special Guest: Joseph Pfeifer
    Chief of Counterterrorism and Emergency Preparedness, FDNY
    Sponsored by NYSTEC

10:45am-Noon  Workshop Session III

Noon-1:30pm  NYSAC Business Meeting Part I
    Legislative Luncheon
    Special Guest: Hon. Letitia James
    NYS Attorney General

2:00pm-3:30pm  Workshop Session IV

2:00pm-3:30pm  County Executives Association

2:00pm-3:30pm  County Administrators Association

3:45pm-5:00pm  Afternoon Plenary Session
    Special Guest: Janine Driver
    CEO, The Body Language Institute
    Sponsored by the NYSAC Women’s Leadership Council

3:45pm-5:00pm  Workshop Session V

Wednesday, January 29th

8:00am-9:00am  General Breakfast

8:00am-9:00am  Joint Intercounty Breakfast
    Topic: A Batty Experience
    Speakers: NYS Labs, Hudson Valley Wildlife Solutions

9:00am-9:30am  NYSAC Business Meeting: Part II: Resolutions

9:30am-3:00pm  NYS Emergency Management Certification Training
    Sponsored by AT&T

~County Advocacy in State Capitol~

Agenda is Subject to Change
Criminal Justice Reform I: Bail & Discovery Reform
On January 1, 2020, counties began implementing the state’s sweeping criminal justice reforms. This includes changes to the bail system, which will lower pre-trial incarceration rates, and will also increase other public safety service needs within the sheriff and probation departments. Additionally, new discovery rules are changing the way DAs prepare for trial. Presentations will cover county implementation requirements, current and future challenges, and initial impact to county operations. (Monday, 1/27, 2-3:15pm)

Reforming the New York Early Intervention System & State Fiscal Agent
Early Intervention is the state-mandated program that improves and enhances the development of a child with developmental delays, special needs, or other concerns. This session will provide an update from state officials on proposed budget changes related to the Early Intervention program, as well as recent administrative reforms underway. (Monday, 1/27, 2-3:15pm)

Public Sector Labor Relations
Participants will learn about the unique labor/management relationships existing in county government as established under State law. Topics of this session will include requirements of the Civil Service Law, the Taylor Law, the operations and responsibilities of the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB), and procedures mandated under other relevant state statutes. This session is one of the core course requirements under the County Government Institute. (4 credits). (Monday, 1/27, 2-3:15pm)

New Tools for Source Water Protection in NYS
Protecting drinking water is a high priority for New Yorkers. Amid rising public interest in emerging contaminants, New York State is launching an initiative to provide counties with resources and tools to proactively protect their drinking water sources. Attend this workshop to learn about state guidance and staff support available for your community to develop and implement a drinking water source protection plan. (Monday, 1/27, 2-3:15pm)

Keeping County Roads on a Low-Salt Diet
Counties rely on road salt for roadway safety, but using too much can negatively impact drinking water supplies, vehicles, and county budgets. Attend this workshop to learn about the innovative ways counties are tracking and reducing their road salt use. (Monday, 1/27, 2-3:15pm)

Criminal Justice Reform II: RTA & Innovative Ideas for Repurposing Your Jail
On October 1, 2019, 17-year-old youth in NYS were no longer treated as adults in the criminal justice system. This cohort is now being treated the same as 16-year-olds as we begin the second year of implementing Raise the Age. Join us for an update on RTA implementation. The second portion of this workshop will cover innovative ways for repurposing your jail given projected declines in inmate population. (Monday, 1/27, 3:45-5pm)

Putting the 2020 Census Count into Context
The U.S. Constitution calls for a decennial census to count every person living in the United States of America, and to use that count to determine representation in the House of Representatives. The Census is also used to determine the distribution of billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities. This session will address how counties can help promote the 2020 count. (Monday, 1/27, 3:45pm-5pm)
Building Consensus in a Political Environment: Understanding Dispute Resolution
County leaders are often confronted with the need to settle political differences so that the greater interests of the public can be served. During this session, county leaders will learn skills and techniques to help manage and resolve political conflicts. This is an interactive session, where participants will be grouped with other county officials to jointly work on real issues facing your county so that practical application of the techniques can be demonstrated. This session will be led by the NYS Dispute Resolution Association. (County Government Institute Core Requirement – 4 credits)  (Monday, 1/27, 3:45pm-5pm)

Partnerships for County Success: Using Telemedicine to Improve Care and Save Tax Dollars
An innovative new public-private partnership designed to improve the quality and accessibility of health care for Medicaid patients in Rensselaer County could be replicated elsewhere. The partnership brings together a telemedicine provider, an HMO, County DSS and 9-1-1 services into a virtual app that allows patients to connect with emergency medical providers 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Learn how “ER Anywhere” allows Medicaid patients to consult with emergency medical providers to discuss treatment, to triage any acute medical issue or connect to 9-1-1 if it is deemed necessary. The program provides quick access to medical professionals for patients, while reducing the number of unnecessary emergency room visits. (Monday, 1/27, 3:45 – 5:00pm)

Assessing and Healing: The Causes and Damage Inflicted by the Opioid Epidemic
The opioid epidemic continues to inflict pain and suffering throughout our communities. Counties are on the frontline trying to triage the crisis with our service providers, including County Health, Mental Health, DSS, Sheriffs, District Attorneys and Public Defenders. Join our panel of experts that will discuss how counties determine the causes and damage of this crisis and the steps counties have taken to heal our communities. (Monday, 1/27, 3:45 – 5:00pm)

State Budget Review
The State Budget continues to face fiscal challenges with a projected deficit of at least $4 billion in 2021. The new legislative majority will be entering its second legislative year and will be managing a shorter calendar to accommodate election changes enacted in 2019. This session will review the Governor’s plan for addressing the deficit and implementing any new initiatives in the coming year. (Tuesday, 1/28, 10:45am – Noon)

Audiences, Messages, and Channels: Communicating Your County’s Story
County leaders face a unique communication challenge: a myriad of issues and opportunities to convey, diverse audiences, and a shifting media landscape. And yet effective communication remains vitally important to the success of county programs and services. In this workshop, you’ll learn techniques to develop a cohesive communications strategy, effectively make your point, and stay connected with your community. (Tuesday, 1/28, 10:45am – Noon)

What “Climate Leadership” Means for Your County
Preparations for implementing the landmark NYS Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) are already underway. How
will the country’s most ambitious climate targets impact your county? Attend this workshop to unpack New York’s new climate law. (Tuesday, 1/28, 10:45-12pm)

Innovative Ways to Connect with Constituents
As the technology and demographics within our counties change, it is important to find new ways to engage and support residents. This session will highlight the innovative ways that Nassau County engages with diverse constituencies, including the County Executive’s Book Club, millennial chat series, and the Nassau C.A.R.E.S. smartphone app. (Tuesday, 1/28, 10:45-12pm)

Hemp: A Budding Industry in NYS
New York’s farmers are cultivating the multi-million-dollar hemp market. This versatile cash crop is used in the manufacture of more than 25,000 products, ranging from clothing and food to building materials and pharmaceuticals. Attend this workshop to learn more about the laws, regulations, and opportunities surrounding cannabidiol (CBD) and hemp-related products. (Tuesday, 1/28, 10:45-12pm)

Strategies for Recruitment: Tackling a Shortage of Volunteer EMS & Firefighter Personnel
From rural to suburban, a shortage of volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel is affecting counties across New York State. Join us for a county perspective on successful projects to recruit and retain a volunteer firefighter and EMS workforce. Our panelists will cover unique ways in which counties have been tackling this problem. (Tuesday, 1/28, 2-3:15pm)

Using Your Ethical Compass: Ethics Laws and Local Government
This session will provide an overview of the codes of conduct and legal requirements of county elected and appointed officials under state and local ethics laws, policies and procedures. The session will describe state and local laws governing gifts and inducements, conflicts of interest, financial disclosure requirements, operations of county ethics boards and other areas relating to integrity in government. This session is one of the core course requirements of the County Government Institute (4 credits awarded). (Tuesday, 1/28, 2-3:15pm)

Recycling After China’s Ban: Where Are We Now?
China began implementing import policies in 2017—often referred to collectively as National Sword—that restrict the importation of recyclables. Many localities in the U.S. have experienced more than a 1,000% increase in their recycling costs since this time. Attend this workshop to learn about the continued impact in NYS and what state resources and policies are being considered to provide relief. (Tuesday, 1/28, 2-3:15pm)

How Counties are Saving Money on Health Insurance
Health insurance is one of the fastest growing expenses facing counties and local governments. This session will focus on strategies for saving money on county health insurance, including aggregating stop loss coverage, shopping for a PBM, carving out fertility services, and separating Medicare-eligible retirees from active employee plans. (Tuesday, 1/28, 2-3:15pm)
Connecting the Dots: Building Community Wealth to End Hunger
Food security is multi-dimensional in nature and encompasses four main components: availability, access, utilization, and stability. It is also affected by human, social, financial, and natural capital. In this moderated discussion, panelists will share policies and other strategies to build wealth equity with the goal of ending hunger. (Tuesday, 1/28, 2-3:15pm)

Improving Data Collection and Collaboration Between the Field and Office
Join us for an overview of how web and mobile GIS can improve access to data from the field and office. GIS applications can assist owners of stormwater conveyance systems in tracking potential sources of discharge pollutants, manage historic records, manage system operation and maintenance, track identity and mitigate illicit connections. Learn how Putnam County implemented GIS processes to provide one overall mapping and maintenance tracking system that satisfies mapping and reporting requirements of the permit program. (Tuesday, 1/28, 3:45-5pm)

Resilient Infrastructure: A Sustainable Response to a Changing Climate
Over the last decade, every county in NYS has been impacted by severe storms, flooding, or hurricanes that have tested the resiliency of local infrastructure. To confront the new reality of extreme weather, counties will need to make unprecedented investments in flood control and other measures to protect local infrastructure. Learn how counties are preparing for a changing climate and what state resources are available to help. (Tuesday, 1/28, 3:45-5pm)

Joint Intercounty Breakfast: A Batty Experience
Join us for an insightful presentation from the New York State labs as they work to determine if the silver hair bat rabies virus is more pathogenic than other bat rabies viruses and understand the impact of white nose syndrome (WNS) in rabies virus maintenance and its impact on indigenous bat populations. We will also be joined by prevention and remediation experts Hudson Valley Wildlife Solutions, LLC, who specialize in protecting property while also building safe homes for the bats they work with. (Wednesday, 1/29, 8:00am-9:00am)

NYS Emergency Management Certification and Training Program
The NYS Emergency Management Certification and Training (EMC&T) Program supports Governor Cuomo’s strategy of creating unified emergency management training for County Chief Executives and other emergency management stakeholders. The NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) has worked with the local emergency management community to develop standardized curriculum for three tiers of training aimed at: County Chief Executives (Tier 1), County Emergency Managers (Tier 2) and other local public officials within Counties (Tier 3). County Chief Executives and County Emergency Managers must complete the training (to include annual refresher training) for DHSES grant eligibility purposes. The training covers all facets of emergency management, including disaster preparedness, response and recovery. It also outlines the legal authorities and responsibilities related to emergency management in NYS. DHSES is partnering with NYSAC to deliver this training. (Wednesday, 1/29, 9:30am-2:00pm)
Includes participation in all workshops, plenary sessions, exhibit hall and other agenda events.

**ALL MEALS:** Monday lunch, dinner; Tuesday breakfast, lunch; Wednesday breakfast

**MONDAY MEALS ONLY:** Monday lunch, dinner

**TUESDAY MEALS ONLY:** Tuesday breakfast, lunch

**NO MEALS**

**Registration Option A** $516
Includes participation in all workshops, plenary sessions, exhibit hall and other agenda events.

**Registration Option B** $411
Includes participation in all workshops, plenary sessions, exhibit hall and other agenda events.

**Registration Option C** $329
Includes participation in all workshops, plenary sessions, exhibit hall and other agenda events.

**Registration Option D** $250
Includes participation in all workshops, plenary sessions, exhibit hall and other agenda events.

**DEADLINES:**

**Pre-Registration Deadline:** January 20, 2020
*You may register for the conference after the deadline date as a walk-in registrant at the conference registration desk.

**Cancellations:**
Any registrations cancelled prior to January 20, 2020 will be subject to a 25% administrative fee. Registrations cancelled after January 20, 2020 cannot be refunded. Cancellations must be made via email to jmunguia@nysac.org.
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2. **HOTEL WEBSITE**
   - Visit the NYSAC website at nysac.org/legislativeconference and click on the HOTEL Link to be redirected to the Desmond Online Registration Page. Make sure to put in the **COU** group code.

3. **GO TO NYSAC WEBSITE FOR LINK**
   - www.desmondhotelsalbany.com, click on “Book Now” a new page will appear, click book now again, enter dates of your stay, then in box on lower right enter group code **COU**.

**IMPORTANT HOTEL INFORMATION**

- **Hotel reservation must be received by January 10, 2020** after which time the room block will be released and reservations will be accepted based on availability. Please note that the room block CAN sell out PRIOR to the cut off date so register early to ensure a room in the hotel.
- **HOTEL DEPOSIT**: YOU WILL NEED TO GUARANTEE YOUR RESERVATION WITH A CREDIT CARD OR AN ADVANCED DEPOSIT.
- Check-in time is **4:00 pm**. Checkout is **12:00 pm**. Upon checking out, please pay the hotel directly by cash, check, credit card or county voucher. You must provide a tax exempt certificate in order to receive tax exemption on your hotel bill.
- If for any reason you need to cancel your reservation with The Desmond, please be sure to notify The Desmond (518) 869-8100 DIRECTLY, 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid being charged for the room. If The Desmond is not contacted directly, the registrant is responsible for all hotel charges. Please note that NYSAC cannot accept hotel cancellations. You may cancel this reservation 72 hours prior to your check-in date without charge. Should you fail to arrive or cancel after 72 hours prior to the check-in date, you will be charged for your room. In the event you need to leave or change your reservation once registered, the entire value of your reservation will be charged.