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Monday, January 28, 2019

8:30am - 5:30pm
Registration
Fort Orange Courtyard Fountain Area

9:30am - 11:00am
NYSAC Climate Resiliency Committee Mtg
Suite 120

11:30am - 2:00pm
NYSAC Standing Committee Meetings

9:30am - 11:00am (TRACK I)
- Agriculture & Rural Affairs: Shaker Room
- Taxation & Finance: Fort Orange 9
- Transportation & Public Works: Lodge
- Children with Special Needs: Fort Orange 5
- Public Employee Relations: Fort Orange 7

11:30am - 1:00pm (TRACK II)
- Intergovernmental Relations & General Government: Lodge
- Public Health & Mental Health: Fort Orange 5
- Economic Development: Fort Orange 7
- Medicaid & Human Services: Fort Orange 9
- Public Safety: Town Hall
- Native American Affairs & Gaming: Shaker Room

11:30am - 2:00pm
NYS Personnel and Civil Service Officers
High Street 28 (Members Only)

1:00pm - 2:00pm
Conference Luncheon
King Street 2/4/6 (meal ticket required)

Keynote:
Hon. Thomas DiNapoli
Comptroller, State of New York

New York Safety Program
New York's 529 College Savings Program - Direct Plan
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1:00pm - 6:00pm
Exhibit Hall Open
Fort Orange & King Street Courtyards

WORKSHOPS
2:00pm - 3:15pm

Special Needs Pre-Kindergarten  Fort Orange 5
Ethics & Integrity in Government  Fort Orange 7
Meet the Mandates  Fort Orange 9
Raise the Age: An Update on Implementation  Town Hall
Understanding an OSC Audit of Your County  High Street 26
Climate Opportunity? Save Money and Create Jobs Through Climate Action  High Street 24

3:15pm - 5:00pm
NYSAC Resolutions Committee Meeting
Lodge

3:15pm - 3:45pm
COFFEE BREAK  Sponsored by Courtyards Relph Benefit Advisors

WORKSHOPS
3:45pm - 5:00pm

Indigent Defense Services and Parental Representation  High Street 24
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County-Wide Shared Services Initiative  Town Hall
Making the Grade: Understanding Credit Evaluations and Your County Score  High Street 26
Advocating for Your County  Shaker Room
CSI: Your County—Crime Scene Investigations, the Real County Crime Fighting Heroes  Suite 120
5:00pm - 6:00pm
NYMIR Reception (Members Only)
Fort Orange 9

6:00pm - 8:00pm
King Street Ballroom

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*Dinner Reception*
(TICKET REQUIRED)

**Tuesday, January 29, 2019**

7:30am - 5:00pm
Registration
Fort Orange Courtyard Fountain Area

7:30am - 5:00pm
Exhibits Open
Fort Orange & King Street Courtyards

7:30am - 8:45am
Conference Breakfast Buffet
King Street 4/6/8 (TICKET REQUIRED)
Sponsored by: Absolute Auctions & Realty, Inc.

9:00am - 10:15am
Opening Plenary Session
Fort Orange Ballroom 5/7/9

**Keynote Speakers:**

**Cheryl Sbarra**
Senior Staff Attorney, Director of Policy and Law
Massachusetts Association of Health Boards

**Benjamin Banks-Dobson**
Managing Director, Hudson Hemp

9:00am - 12:00pm
NYS County Planners Association Mtg
High St 28 (Members Only)

9:00am - 12:00pm
NYS County Probation Administrators Association Mtg
Shaker Room (Members Only)
10:15am - 10:45am
Coffee Break/Exhibit Hall
Sponsored by: PKF O’Connor Davies & Donate Life New York State

10:30am - 12:30pm
NYS County Health Officials Lunch Meeting
Scrimshaw (Members Only)

1:30pm - 3:30pm
NYS County Administrators Meeting
High Street 24 (Members Only)

2:00pm - 3:30pm
NYS County Executives Assoc. Meeting
Lodge (Members Only)

Program-at-a-Glance—Tuesday

**WORKSHOPS** 10:45am - Noon

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Noon - 1:30pm
King Street Ballroom
Sponsored by: PKF O’Connor Davies
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Program-at-a-Glance — Tuesday

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2:00pm - 3:15pm

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Preferred Source Procurement 101 & Best Value Procurement Fort Orange 5

3:15pm - 3:45pm
Coffee Break Sponsored by Airbnb
Exhibit Hall

3:45pm - 5:00pm
NYS County Leaders Meeting
County Executives, County Administrators / Managers, County Legislative Board Chairs
Town Hall (Chief Electeds & Admins. Only)

WORKSHOPS
3:45pm - 5:00pm

County Website Management Fort Orange 9
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Wednesday, January 30, 2019

8:00am - 9:00am
Inter-County Breakfast Mtg &
General Breakfast
King Street Ballroom 2/4/6
Sponsored by Airbnb

9:00am - 9:30am
NYSAC Business Meeting: Resolutions
King Street 2/4/6

9:30am - 3:00pm
Closing General Assembly
Town Hall

**NYS Emergency Management**
Certification Training

The New York State 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 New York State 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 the 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 New York State. DHSES is partnering with NYSAC to deliver the County Chief Executive (Tier 1) portion of the training. The training will also meet the annual refresher requirement for those that have previously completed a Tier 1 training.

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Special Education Projects and Initiatives  
NYS Education Department  
**Hal Mattot**  
Director, Rate Setting Unit  
NYS Education Department  
**Ronald Bass**  
Director Bureau of Medical, Dental & Pharmacy  
NYS Department of Health  
**Melissa Kinnikut**  
Division of Program Development and Management  
NYS Department of Health |
| **Moderator:** | Lisa Chester  
Director of Children with Special Needs  
Niagara County |
| **Raise the Age: An Update on Implementation** | On October 1, 2018, the age of criminal responsibility was raised for 16 year olds that have been charged with a crime and designated as an Adolescent Offender (AO). Implementing this new law requires counties to make hiring decisions and programmatic changes to appropriately respond to this new initiative. This workshop will provide an update on how counties have been implementing RTA, emerging challenges, and opportunities for more effective implementation for the 17-year-old population, which will begin on October 1, 2019. (Monday, 1/28, 2:00pm-3:30pm, Town Hall) |

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Understanding an OSC Audit of Your County

The Office of the New York State Comptroller’s Division of Local Government and School Accountability conducts regular performance audits of local governments and school districts. The goal of these audits is to provide objective analysis to assist management and those charged with governance and oversight to improve program performance and operations, reduce costs, facilitate decision making by parties with responsibility to oversee or initiate corrective action, and contribute to public accountability. OSC audit officials will explain how this process works and their efforts to work as partners with local governments to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of county government. (Monday, 1/28, 2:00pm-3:30pm, High Street 26)

Meet the Mandates

The State of New York has made some progress in slowing the growth in costs of program and service mandates they impose on counties, but the problem has not gone away. While slowing the growth in mandates, and even freezing them in some cases is positive, without lowering or eliminating these state-imposed costs, county property taxes will continue to be higher than they should be compared to other states. This session will provide an update on key state mandate issues.
mandates imposed on counties, explore potential mandates on the horizon, and highlight how counties can educate their residents and state representatives on how this “Mandate Madness” impacts the county bottom line. (Monday, 1/28, 2:00pm-3:30pm, Fort Orange 9)

Speakers:
Dave Lucas
Director of Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs
NYSAC
Mark LaVigne
Deputy Director
NYSAC
Nicole Correia
Communication Manager
NYSAC

Climate Opportunity? Save Money and Create Jobs through Climate Action As the worldwide struggle to cut carbon emissions continues, local governments are rising to meet the climate change challenge. Learn how your county can be part of the solution while also saving money, creating jobs, improving public health, and strengthening public-private partnerships. (Monday, 1/28, 2:00pm-3:30pm, High Street 24)

Speakers:
Amanda Mazzoni
Senior Planner
Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board
Bradford Tito
Program Manager
Communities & Local Governments
NYSERDA

Moderator:
Hon. William Reinhardt
Legislator
Albany County

Ethics and Integrity in Government Government has a responsibility to ensure that their officers and employees are versed in the ethical statutes and rules that apply to them. According to the National Gov-
NYS Emergency Management Certification and Training Program: Tier 1

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Speaker: Rebecca Wilburn
NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

Early Intervention: Counties’ Involvement with Our Youngest Population

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, 1/28, 3:45pm-5:00pm, Fort Orange 5)

Speaker: Constance Donohue
Director of Bureau of Early Intervention
NYS Department of Health

Moderator: Lisa Chester
Director of Children with Special Needs
Niagara County

CSI: Your County - Crime Scene Investigations, the Real County Crime Fighting Heroes

CSI may be the most popular show on TV, but this workshop addresses what happens in the real world when a suspicious death occurs in your county. It’s our counties that solve these crimes, protect the public, and ulti-
mately seek justice. Join our panel of experts as they explain the process that unfolds when a suspicious death occurs in your county; from the Sheriff securing the scene to the medical examiner/coroner examining the body to the DA questioning witnesses and prosecuting the criminal offender. (Monday, 1/28, 3:45pm-5:00pm, Suite 120)

Speakers:
Representative
Saratoga County District Attorney’s Office
Representative
Saratoga County Sheriff’s Office
Criminal Investigation Unit

Moderator:
Hon. Ronald G. Spike
Sheriff
Yates County

Indigent Defense Services and Parental Representation: Providing Counsel to Those in Need
For decades, our counties have met the challenge of providing counsel for those in fiscal need in both criminal and family courts. In 2019 counties will be required to expand their arraignment system coverage as well as begin implementing a case cap within public defender offices. The State is also considering bringing similar reforms to our Family Court parental representation service system. Join the Director of the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (OILS) for a discussion of the 2019/2020 State Budget, and how this will impact your county indigent defense service program. (Monday, 1/28, 3:45pm-5:00pm, High Street 24)

Speakers:
William Leahy
Director
NYS Indigent Legal Services
Joe Wierschem
Counsel
NYS Indigent Legal Services

China’s Ban on Recycling Imports and what it Means for Your County
About a third of the roughly 66 million tons of material Americans recycle each year is exported overseas. After a sudden drop in demand from China, residents, businesses, and municipalities have begun to pay more for recycling programs. Learn why New York is more severely impacted than other states and what is being done to make our counties more resilient to these changes. (Tuesday, 1/29, 3:45pm-5:00pm, Fort Orange 7)

Speakers:
Luann Meyer
Solid Waste Administrator
Monroe County
David Vitale
Division Director
DEC Division of Materials Management
Brian Wohnsiedler
Materials Management Coordinator
Development Authority of the North Country (Invited)

Moderator:
Hon. Claudia Braymer
Supervisor
Warren County

What is Your Brand? Using Place Branding to Market Your County
Place branding is a way to distinguish your county in the international competition for tourists, talents, business, and investment. Exciting audiences about your county requires more than a nice logo or a catchy slogan. Learn how to create and share a brand that helps your county stand out. (Tuesday, 1/29, 3:45pm-5:00pm, High Street 26)

Speakers:
Christen Smith
Director of Marketing and Communications
Finger Lakes Visitors Connection
Anita Daly
President and Owner
Daly Communications

Moderator:
Hon. Margaret Kennedy
Representative
Otsego County
NYSAC Board of Directors
Moderator:
Kyle Cline
National Development Director
FSC (U.S. Communities Program)

NYS Sexual Harassment Law Update  This workshop will provide an overview of the new NYS Sexual Harassment Legislation and guidance provided by the NYS Dept of Labor. Panelists will provide examples of required elements of a model policy and training program, and they will demonstrate what a complaint and investigation process might look like at the county and local government level. (Tuesday, 1/29, 3:45pm-5:00pm, Fort Orange 5)

Speakers:  
Gregg Johnson Esq.  
Lemire & Higgins, LLC  
Susan O’Rorke  
Vice President  
New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal  

Moderator:  
Kevin Crawford  
Executive Director  
New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal

County Website Maintenance  Your county website is the backbone of online presence - every type of communication, piece of content, or press release that you put online will drive back to it. Your website is also the first place residents will turn for information about county offices, events, contact information, and the resources and services you offer. In this workshop you'll learn best practices for showcasing your county online through creating and maintaining a useful, up-to-date website. (Tuesday, 1/29, 3:45pm-5:00pm, Fort Orange 9)

Speaker:  
Jim Costello  
Lead Developer  
Center for Technology in Government

Advocating for Your County  
From January to June each year, state lawmakers convene to hold public hearings, enact the annual state budget, request funding for local projects, and consider a wide range of bills, many of which impact counties and local governments. This workshop will present advocacy strategies that local officials can use to advocate for your county to state lawmakers and the agencies that implement new state laws and regulations. (Monday, 1/28, 3:45pm-5:00pm, Shaker Room)

Speakers:  
Luis Montes  
Principal  
Long Island Government Relations  
Hon. William Farber  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Hamilton County  

Moderator:  
Ruth Doyle  
County Administrator  
St. Lawrence County

Local Government Trailblazers  Presented by the NYSAC Women’s Leadership Council  The number is growing, but women still hold only a small percentage of elected positions. A panel of women who have led the way in local government office will discuss the challenges and opportunities they’ve encountered, and the lessons they’ve learned along the way. (Monday, 1/28, 3:45pm-5:00pm, Fort Orange 7)

Speaker:  
Hon. Kathy Jimino  
Former Rensselaer County Executive  
Hon. Joanne Yepsen  
Former Mayor of Saratoga Springs  
Former Saratoga County Legislator

Moderator:  
Nicole Correia  
Communications Manager  
NYSAC
County-Wide Shared Services Initiative: Opportunities and Challenges
State lawmakers have extended the CWSSI for years 2019, 2020, 2021. This workshop will present an overview of programs and services included in submitted CWSS plans, and what opportunities and challenges face county leaders as they reconvene with other local government leaders this year. (Monday, 1/28, 3:45pm-5:00pm, Town Hall)

Speaker:
Richard Tobe
Director of Special Intergovernmental Projects
NYS Department of State
Jack Searles
County Administrator
Cattaraugus County

Moderator:
J. Justin Woods
County Administrator
Cayuga County

Making the Grade: Understanding Credit Evaluations and Your County Score  
How does Moody’s or Standard and Poor’s grade your county finances? Join this session to get a comprehensive overview of how credit evaluations are processed and how you can improve your county’s credit score. (Monday, 1/28, 3:45pm-5:00pm, High Street 26)

Speaker:
Robert Weber
Vice President, Senior Analyst
Moody’s Investor Service
Public Finance Group

Moderator:
Shaun Groden
Greene County Administrator
President, NYS County Administrators Association

A Two Front War: Battling the Recruitment Challenges of our First Responders  
Is your community maximizing websites, Facebook, social media, national and state resources to recruit volunteers? Re-

Moderator:
Jon Kaiman
Deputy County Executive
Suffolk County

County Veteran Services: Serving Those Who Served Us  
New York State is home to approximately 800,000 men and women who bravely served our country. Their sacrifice does not end when their service does. When our veterans come home, they often need our support in order to assimilate back into their community and the job market. Learn about the services our counties can provide to help veterans achieve the health and happiness they deserve. (Tuesday, 1/29, 2:00pm-3:15pm, Shaker Room)

Speaker:
Frank McClement
Director
Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency

Moderator:
Hon. Tara N. Gaston
Supervisor
Saratoga County

Preferred Source Procurement 101 & Best Value Procurement  
Discover how local level procurement decision makers can benefit from the state’s Preferred Source Program and how it impacts local communities throughout New York State. Beyond a more efficient and straightforward procurement process, Preferred Source purchasing employs individuals with disabilities locally. The jobs created through these purchases help impact the nearly 70% unemployment rate for individuals with disabilities, creating taxpayers and consumers for more than 40 years. (Tuesday, 1/29, 2:00pm-3:15pm, Fort Orange 5)

Speakers:
Maureen E. O’Brien
Chief Executive Officer
NYS Industries for the Disabled
Karen A. Storm
Purchasing Agent
Albany County
Public Sector Labor/Management 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). (Tuesday, 1/29, 2:00pm-3:15pm, High Street 26)

Speaker:
Mary A. Krause
County Administrator
Ontario County

Moderator:
Patrick Cummings
Counsel
NYSAC

The Gig Economy and the Changing Nature of Work
The way people view and perform work has changed dramatically with the many technological advancements of the past decade. What is the future of work in your county? Learn what sectors and occupations are growing across the state and what your county can do to prepare for a changing workforce. (Tuesday, 1/29, 2:00pm-3:15pm, Fort Orange 7)

Speakers:
Melinda Mack
Executive Director
New York Association of Training & Employment Professionals (NYATEP)

Jen Siaca Curry
Founder and CEO
Change Impact

crucial and retaining volunteer firefighter and volunteer EMS workers has become a critical systems issue in communities across New York State. Whether it be responding to the opioid epidemic or a 911 emergency call, this workshop will provide attendees with tips to drive volunteer firefighter and emergency medical services recruitment and retention efforts. Our panel will explore innovative and strategic ways to recruit and retain this vital community resource. (Tuesday, 1/29, 10:45am-12:00pm, Fort Orange 7)

Speaker:
Representatives
Firemen’s Association of the State of New York (FASNY)
Ted Halpin
Director of Emergency Management Services
Madison County

Moderator:
Hon. Arthur Wright
Supervisor, Town of Hadley
Saratoga County

State Budget Review
The State continues to face fiscal hurdles even as the economy improves, with a 2020 projected deficit of $4 billion. A new State Legislature will be sworn in that provides one party control in Albany by wide margins in both chambers. This session will review how the Governor’s Budget will close the fiscal gap while addressing the concerns of the new Legislature. (Tuesday, 1/29, 10:45am-12:00pm, Town Hall)

Speaker:
Dave Lucas
Director of Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs
NYSAC

Moderator:
Charles H. Nesbitt, Jr.
NYSAC President
Orleans County Chief Administrative Officer
New York’s Open Meetings Law: Bringing Sunlight to the Often Misunderstood Practice

What is the difference between a meeting and a gathering? Is a quorum present even if a meeting was not planned? What are the notice requirements for county meeting? Join Robert Freeman, the Executive Director of NY’s Committee on Open Government, as he answers questions about NY’s Open Meetings Law. (Tuesday, 1/29, 10:45am-12:00pm, Fort Orange 9)

Speaker:
Robert J. Freeman
Executive Director
Dept. of State Committee on Open Government

CODE BLUE! Combating the Homeless Crisis

Counties across NYS have been experiencing a rise in the homeless population. Homelessness impacts many county government departments, including the sheriff’s office, mental health, public health, social services, child welfare, and the office of the aging. Join us as we dive into the issue and attempt to identify solutions to help counties combat this crisis. (Tuesday, 1/29, 10:45am-12:00pm, High Street 24)

Speakers:
Kathleen Rooney
County Manager
Schenectady County
Jason Molino
County Manager
Tompkins County

Moderator:
Shaun Groden
Greene County Manager
President, NYS County Administrators Association

Ready for Our Close-Up: New York in the Movies

Historic buildings, court houses, rivers, great lakes and even the ocean make New York the ideal site for movie production. This workshop will provide information on how communities were successful in attracting movie production. Learn how to frame your county for the movie industry and best showcase your community for success. (Tuesday, 1/29, 10:45am-12:00pm, High Street 26)

Speakers:
Debby Goedeke
Film Commissioner
Albany County Film Commission
Tim Clark
Film Commissioner
Buffalo Niagara Film Office

Persuasive Presentations for County Leaders

Whether it’s presenting at a county board meeting, a community event, or to a county department, you need effective presentation skills to connect with your audience and clearly make your case. This workshop will give you the tips and tools you need to deliver presentations that pop and connect to your audience! (Tuesday, 1/29, 10:45am-12:00pm, Fort Orange 5)

Speakers:
Joshua Poupore, APR
Senior Vice President
Corning Place Communications
Chyress Wells, APR
Public Relations Strategist
Corning Place Communications

Alternatives to Incarceration Programming & OCA Diversion Courts

This session will include strategies, programs, and ideas to implement successful alternatives to incarceration detention programming to keep people out of the county jail. (Tuesday, 1/29, 2:00pm-3:15pm, Fort Orange 9)

Speakers:
Hon. Richard John
Chair, Public Safety Committee
Tompkins County Legislature
Sarah Cassel
Program Manager
Criminal Justice Office of Mayor Bill DeBlasio
City of New York