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**Orange County awarded nearly \$250,000 through Police Protective
Equipment Program grant**

Funds will provide County police agencies with important protective gear

Goshen, N.Y. - Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus and Sheriff Carl E. DuBois announced on Monday that the County has been awarded a \$249,580 grant through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Police Protective Equipment Program (PPEP).

“I’m grateful that Orange County has received this funding as it will help protect the lives of the men and women in law enforcement throughout Orange County,” Neuhaus said. “This protective equipment will help ensure their health and safety as they risk their lives for County residents every day. I’m proud to support local law enforcement and I’m glad they have received this well-deserved grant.”

The PPEP grant will equip Orange County police agencies with protective equipment and patrol rifles to help give them the greatest level of protection and effectiveness combatting active shooter incidents, terrorist attacks, and other criminal events. The grant was applied for and secured by Orange County through its Planning Department in collaboration with the Division of Police Liaison Services and Sheriff’s Office. Police departments in 22 municipalities and the Orange County Sheriff’s Office received funding.

“This grant will provide much needed safety equipment for deputies and officers in Orange County,” DuBois said. “Increasing the safety of law enforcement personnel so they can more effectively protect the safety of our citizens is a priority for my office. We are grateful for this important state funding.”

Added Port Jervis Police Chief William Worden, who serves on Orange County's Police Advisory Board: "I want to thank County Executive Neuhaus for acquiring this grant and for his continued commitment to local law enforcement. This funding enhances public safety and protects the officers that serve us every day. The safety of these men and women and the public is critical. This grant will facilitate increased interagency response and cooperation."

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