

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION NO. 237 OF 2017

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS SEEBER, FRASIER, MCDEVITT, BROCK, VANSELOW, MONTESI, LEGGETT, BRAYMER, GERAGHTY, SIMPSON AND HYDE**

**APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE WARREN COUNTY PLANS AND POLICIES, MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE WARREN COUNTY WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLAN AND PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, New York State Labor Law Section 27(b), as amended by the 2006 New York State Legislature, requires that public employers are to evaluate the safety of their workplace and implement workplace safety training for all employees, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 108 of 2007, the Warren County Board of Supervisors authorized the implementation of a program on workplace violence, and

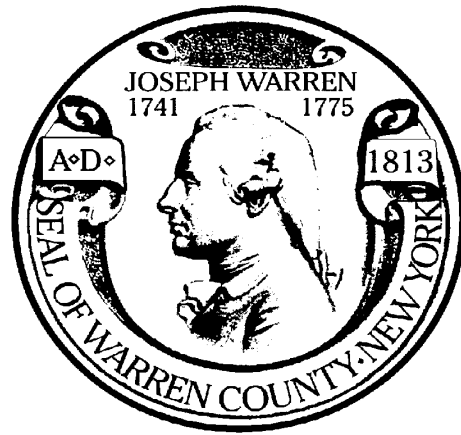
WHEREAS, the Plan and Program was subsequently updated pursuant to Resolution No. 174 of 2012, and Resolution No. 138 of 2016, and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Workplace Violence Prevention Plan and Program has been codified in the Warren County Plans and Policies Chapter XIII (Sections .080 to .085), and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Resolution No. 138 of 2016, some additional revisions and updates have been made to the Warren County Workplace Violence Prevention Plan and Program, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby approves and authorizes the implementation of the revised Workplace Violence Prevention Plan and Program for Warren County, annexed to this resolution and presented at this meeting, with a review of said program to be made on an annual basis by the Warren County Support Services Committee, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said Program shall take effect immediately and will be available for review in accordance with the provisions of the Workplace Violence Prevention Plan and Program.



# **Warren County**

## **Workplace Violence Prevention Plan and Program**

Date Last Adopted: R138, 3-18-2016

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**Workplace Violence Prevention Plan and Program**

Section 27-b of the New York State Labor Law requires public employers (other than schools covered under the school safety plan requirements of the education law) to perform a workplace violence evaluation or risk evaluation at each worksite and to develop and implement programs to prevent and minimize workplace violence caused by assaults and homicides. The Law is designed to ensure that the risk of workplace assaults and homicides are regularly evaluated by public employers and that a workplace violence protection program is implemented to prevent and minimize the hazard to public employees.

The workplace evaluations must identify factors which may place the workforce at risk to occupational assaults or homicides. The results of the evaluation and the risk factors found are to be shared with employees initially and annually thereafter.

**I. Board of Supervisors Policy Statement:**

Warren County is committed to providing a safe workplace for our employees. We recognize that workplace violence presents a serious occupation safety hazard for workers. Therefore, Warren County has developed and shall implement this workplace violence prevention plan and program.

**II. Defining Workplace Violence:**

A. In accordance with Section 27-b of the New York State Labor Law and for the purpose of this workplace violence prevention plan, **workplace violence is any physical assault, threatening behavior or verbal abuse occurring in the work setting within Warren County.**

The workplace violence prevention plan has been developed to address three distinct types of Workplace Violence threats:

- **Type 1 Threat:** Physical assault, threatening behavior or verbal abuse by an assailant with no known legitimate relationship to the workplace who enters the workplace to commit a robbery or other criminal act.
- **Type 2 Threat:** Physical assault, threatening behavior or verbal abuse by a recipient of a service provided by the County.
- **Type 3 Threat:** Physical assault, threatening behavior or verbal abuse by a current or former worker, supervisor or manager, or another person who has some employment-related involvement with the County, such as a worker's spouse or lover, a worker's relative or friend or another person who has a dispute with one of our employees.

B. Workplace violence may include threats in the following specific situations or when made in person, in writing, by telephone or electronic communication:

- Non-specific threats of violence by employee
- Specific threats of violence by employee
- Threats of violence directed against an employee by a non-employee
- Violent confrontation by a spouse or significant other with an employee over a personal/domestic dispute
- Threats or threatening conduct by disgruntled or ex-employees
- Violent altercations between two employees or employee and supervisor

- Multiple assaults by intruder

C. Typical warning signs of potentially violent individuals may include:

Experts in the mental health profession state that prior to engaging in acts of violence, troubled individuals often exhibit one or more of the following behaviors or signs: over-resentment, anger and hostility, extreme agitation; making ominous threats such as: “bad things will happen” to a particular person, or a catastrophic event will occur; sudden and significant decline in work performance, irresponsible, irrational, intimidating, aggressive or otherwise inappropriate behavior; reacting to questions with an antagonistic or overtly negative attitude; discussing weapons and their use, and/or brandishing weapons in the workplace; overreacting or reacting harshly to changes in County policies and procedures; personality conflicts with co-workers; obsession or preoccupation with a co-worker or supervisor; attempts to sabotage the work or equipment of a co-worker; blaming others for mistakes and circumstances; demonstrating a propensity to behave and react irrationally.

### **III. Workplace Violence Prevention Risk Evaluation:**

Warren County has performed “risk evaluations” of certain facilities identified in article V(f) as a means of inspection of workplaces to determine the presence of existing or potential hazards that might place employees at risk from physical assault, threatening behavior or verbal abuse. Warren County will be performing additional “risk evaluations” of the facilities so denoted in V(f). The County employed the following techniques in developing risk evaluations for the facilities where the evaluations have been concluded and will also use the same techniques where the evaluations have not been concluded:

- An examination of the history of past incidents to identify patterns or trends which occurred in each workplace;
- A review of occupational injury and illness logs (SH 900) and incident reports to identify injuries that may have resulted from workplace violence incidents;
- Conducting workplace building security surveys.

### **IV. Risk Factors Identified In Section III Above:**

A review of the activities carried out at Warren County’s facilities and by County employees, indicates that threats of violence may be initiated by any of the three types of individuals listed in item II. above. Many of the County’s employees work closely with the public in situations at the following locations/worksites:

- Municipal Center which includes the County Clerk, Treasurer, Board of Supervisors, Civil Service, County Court as well as several other County departments.
- Human Services building which contains Social Services, Planning, Building Codes, Self-Insurance, Veterans Affairs as well as other County departments.
- Highway Department
- Buildings and Grounds
- Countryside Adult Home
- Public Safety building which contains the Sheriff’s Department and the correctional facility
- Employment and Training Offices
- Community Services Offices
- Office for the Aging Nutritional sites

Some individual departments, within the County, who have constant contact with the public have their own Workplace Violence plans including DPW.

The County has determined that the following are some of the factors or situations in County workplaces that might place employees at risk of physical assault, threatening behavior or verbal abuse.

- Duties that involve the handling or exchange of monies
- Delivery of passengers, goods or services
- Duties that involve mobile workplace assignments (IE health care, probation, social services, building inspection, criminal justice settings.)
- Working alone or in small numbers (IE working late at night, during early morning hours or anytime the workplace is not fully staffed.)
- Duties that involve guarding valuable property or possessions
- Working in community based settings
- Bomb threats
- Working in rural or sparsely populated areas
- Working in a poorly lit environment

**V. Workplace Violence Prevention Responsibility:**

A. The County has identified the following responsibilities for implementing and maintaining the provisions of the Workplace Violence Prevention Program:

- The County Administrators Office is responsible for implementation of the Plan and for coordinating the delivery of required annual employee workplace violence prevention training and for ensuring that all new employees receive a copy of the Plan and required training.
- The County Administrators Office is also responsible for annual plan review, ensuring that its provisions are implemented and answering all employee questions relative to Workplace Violence Prevention procedures.
- All County employees will attend Workplace Violence Prevention training and review the contents of the plan. Training will be scheduled and announced as necessary. In addition this plan will be available from Department Heads and/or supervisors and will be posted in employee accessible areas.
- The County Administrators Office will periodically review this Workplace Violence Prevention Plan and annual employee training requirements.
- Department Heads will also conduct a formal review of any workplace violence incidents and within 30 days of the occurrence of an incident may recommend enhancements to the existing Plan and procedures. These formal reviews together with any written report or notice filed by an employee or other person shall be sent to the Warren County Administrator, Human Resources Director and Self Insurance Administrator for their review. Annually, the County Administrator shall conduct a review of all written reports or notices filed during the past year with the County Attorney, Human Resources Director, Self Insurance Administrator, outside consultant, if any, and representatives of the CSEA, PBA and Alliance Unions for purposes of identifying patterns of injuries in particular areas of the workplace or incidents which involves specific operations or individuals, mitigating actions taken, and further, if any, recommendations regarding amendments to the Workplace Violence Prevention Plan, polices of the workplace, work practices and/or work procedures. Any reports/notices that are examined during the course of the annual review shall be redacted of any names or other information that is required to be redacted by laws, rules or regulations concerning matters of confidentiality.
- The Warren County Sheriff's Department or State Police will respond when the incident requires a police investigation based upon the reporting procedures outlined in this policy. The Investigating

Officer will provide a preliminary report to the County Administrator within 15 days of the occurrence of a workplace violence incident. The County Administrator will provide a copy of the report to the Department Head, Human Resources Director and Self Insurance Administrator.

B. Injury and Illness Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for Workplace Violence Incidents:

Currently, Warren County is required to record and report workplace violence incidents in accordance with New York State Labor Law, Section 27-a (Public Employer Safety and Health Act). 12 NYCRR Part 801 Recording and Reporting Public Employees' Occupational Injuries and Illnesses, specifies conditions for employer recordkeeping and reporting requirements. Specifically, an employer is required to record an employee workplace violence injury if it results in death, days away from work, restricted work or transfer to another job, medical treatment beyond first aid and loss of consciousness.

Employers are also required to report employee workplace violence related fatalities and multiple hospitalizations to the Department's Public Employee Safety and Health (PESH) Bureau within 8 hours of the incident.

(Refer to 12 NYCRR Part 801 for complete information pertaining to employee recordkeeping and PESH reporting requirements).

C. Employee Communication:

To properly maintain a safe, healthy and secure workplace the County is committed to having an open, two-way communication policy between all employees on all workplace safety, health and security issues. This communication is designed to encourage a continuous flow of safety and health information between management and employees without fear of reprisal and is readily understandable. This communication system will provide and accomplish the following:

- Employee orientation and training on workplace violence prevention and worksite security policies, procedures and work practices.
- Periodic review of the Workplace Violence Prevention Plan and Program with all personnel.
- Training programs designed to address specific aspects of workplace violence prevention and security that are unique to the County.
- Discussion of Workplace Violence Prevention at regularly scheduled safety and health meetings.
- Posted or distributed workplace security information.
- A system for employees to readily inform management about workplace security hazards or threats of violence.
- Procedures for protecting any employee who reports a threat from retaliation by the person making the threat.

D. Preventing Workplace Violence at worksites:

There is no single ingredient that will prevent or reduce violence in the workplace. Preventative measures must be based on a thorough understanding of risk factors associated with the various types of workplace violence that could occur. While understanding the factors that lead to workplace violence are not always evident, sufficient information is available which can reduce the risk. However, strong management commitment, and the day-to-day involvement of department managers, supervisors, employees and labor

unions, is required to reduce the risk of workplace violence. To that end, the County will utilize the following measures in developing and maintaining its Workplace Violence Prevention Program:

- ***Foster a supportive harmonious work environment:*** Create a culture of mutual respect to help reduce harassment and hostility in the workplace. Management will strive to communicate openly, give employees adequate control in their work and provide them with support and recognition. Conflict and stress are lower when employees feel empowered to work independently and are motivated to work cooperatively.
- ***Train employees on how to resolve conflicts:*** Conflicts on the job can be reduced by developing employee skills in negotiating, communicating effectively, team building and resolving disputes.
- ***Develop effective policies to protect employees from harassment:*** Strive to build a culture free of harassment and discrimination and advance this goal by having systems in place to address infractions. Warren County will not tolerate physical assault, threatening behavior or verbal abuse. Further, all complaints will be expeditiously and thoroughly investigated. Appropriate action will be taken to those who violate this policy.
- ***Establish procedures for handling grievances:*** Employees will follow grievance procedures for reporting complaints of unfair treatment, discrimination or harassment.
- ***Provide personal counseling through an employee assistance program:*** Employees can use County resources to address personal concerns. If a physical assault, threatening behavior or verbal abuse incident occurs at work, support services can be made available by the County to help employees cope with their fears and concerns.
- ***Implement security programs that protect employees:*** The County has a variety of methods in place to ensure worker safety. Such methods include: access control to facilities; employee background screening; and, employee safety awareness and training.
- ***Provide employee safety education programs:*** In addition to making workers aware of safety policies and employee support services, the County will provide education on ways to maximize safety at work.
- ***Train supervisory personnel on how to recognize signs of a troubled employee:*** The County will provide periodic information and/or training to managers and supervisors on how to recognize signs and symptoms of a potentially violent employee. Also, supervisory personnel can be instructed on how to be sensitive to signs of possible abuse among employees, such as frequent absences or depression.

E. Reporting Workplace Violence Incidents:

Any employee or representative thereof who believes that a serious violation of the Workplace Violence Prevention Plan and Program has occurred or that an imminent danger exists, should bring such matter to the attention of a Supervisor or Department Head in the form of a written notice. The referral is not required where imminent danger or threat exist to the safety of a specific employee or to the general health of a specific patient and an employee reasonably believes in good faith that reporting to a Supervisor or Department Head would not result in corrective action.

When a workplace violence incident results in a serious injury, emergency responders such as Police, Fire

and/or Ambulance personnel will be promptly notified. Workplace violence incidents that include physical violence or the threat thereof the Warren County Sheriff's Department or State Police shall be notified. The County Administrator, Department Head and employee's supervisor will also be immediately notified. Based on the seriousness of the incident, the County Administrator may assemble a Workplace Violence Management Response Team which may include the County Attorney, law enforcement, Employee Assistance Program Coordinator, various Department Managers, representatives from the Employee Safety and Health Committee, Employee Union representatives and other others as deemed necessary. This team will evaluate the details of the violent incident, implement required employee safety measures, coordinate with the victim's family, other employees, the media and law enforcement personnel, and refer victims to appropriate assistance and community service programs that may include crisis counseling. If following a referral of such matter to the employee's supervisor's attention and after a reasonable opportunity to correct such activity, policy or practice the matter has not been resolved and the employee or representative of employees still believes that a violation of a workplace violence prevention program remains, or that an imminent danger exists, such employee or representative employees may request an inspection by giving notice to the New York State Commissioner of Labor of such violation or danger. Such notice and request shall be in writing, shall set forth with reasonable particularity the grounds for the notice, shall be signed by such employee or representative of employees, and a copy shall be provided by the New York State Commissioner of Labor to the employer or the person in charge no later than the time of inspection, except that on the request of the person giving such notice, such person's name and the names of the individual employees or representative employees shall be withheld. Such inspection shall be made forthwith.

F. County Worksite Security:

The County primarily provides services to County residents and visitors and its worksites must remain accessible to its clients as necessary. Therefore there is no intention to fortify facilities. The County will provide training to all employees as the primary means of reducing workplace violence. The County will utilize barriers, controlled entries, etc. where such are necessary. In addition, the following physical security measures are also employed at the various facilities as appropriate:

- Maintain exterior lighting, especially in areas where employees walk to their cars.
- As needed, prune landscaping to eliminate hiding places near entrances, walkways and parking areas.
- Keep all non-public entrances closed and locked. Post signs (where necessary) indicating public entrances.
  - Post emergency numbers for police, fire and medical services.
  - Equip vehicles with two way radios as necessary.

The following details the specific risks and control measures for each of the County's facilities:

- **Municipal Center:** *See attached building summary*
- **Human Services Building:** *See attached building summary*
- **Department of Public Works:** Please see the DPW's site specific plan.
- **Countryside Adult Facility:** *See attached building summary*
- **Employment and Training Offices:** *See attached office summary*



- **Community Services Offices:** *See attached office summary*
- **Office for the Aging Nutritional Sites:** *See attached summary*

## Summary of Buildings and Office locations

### 1. Municipal Center

The building houses several County departments including Assigned Counsel, County Attorney, County Auditor, Legislative Board, County Administration, Civil Service, District Attorney, Dept of Motor Vehicles, County Clerk, Health Services, Information Technology, Emergency Services, Probation, Public Defender, Real Property, Tourism, Treasurer, Weights and Measurers, and the Women Infant & Children department. The building also houses the Warren County Court and NYS Supreme Court facilities. There are two (2) public entrances to the building which are attended by security. The remaining entrances (except the Courts which are under separate security) are locked but access by employees and other authorized individuals with FOBS (which are administered by Buildings and Grounds). The court area is accessible only with key or via a public entrance that is through magnetometers with armed security staff. The wing housing Public Defender, Assigned Counsel, Emergency Services and Probation has limited access via key or entrance with magnetometer and unarmed security personnel. The building is open from 8:00am – 5:00pm on weekdays. Approximately 200 employees work in the building.

The Assigned Counsel Office is located in the “old jail” wing of the building. The office takes applications and makes awards of legal assistance to indigents. Public access is controlled by unarmed security personnel and magnetometer. The primary employee works alone and has constant contact with the public. The employee does not work in the field and does not handle money.

The County Attorneys Office is located in the main area of the building. The office provides legal and administrative services to the County departments. There are 4-5 employees and the office is open from 8:00am-5:00pm. The employees deal with members of the public routinely but do not handle money. If employees need to travel they use their own vehicles and personal cell phones.

The County Auditors Office is located in the main area of the building. The office provides support to other County departments. The office has 2 employees that work from 9:00am-5:00pm. No money is handled. The staff have regular exposure to other employees but very little exposure to the public. The employees do not work in the field.

The County Board of Supervisors and County Administrators Offices are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The offices perform legislative and administrative tasks. There are 8 employees located primarily at the office with an additional 20 members of the Board of Supervisors that attend meetings and Board functions. The offices are open weekdays from 8:00am-5:00pm. The Board members travel regularly in their own vehicles. Money is not handled at the offices.

The Human Resources/Civil Service Department is located in the main area of the Municipal Center. The office provides support to County departments as well as outside municipalities. There are 5 employees of the Department and the office is open from 9:00am-5:00pm weekdays. The employees remain at the office and do not work in the field. No money is handled. Contact with the public and other employees is continual.

The District Attorneys Office is located within the courts area of the building. The office provides legal services for the “people”. Access is limited to employees with a key and public access is controlled via the armed security / magnetometer through the courts. There are approximately 16 employees within

the Department. The office is open 9:00am – 5:00pm weekdays. However the employees regularly work before and after hours when the building is closed. The employees travel frequently via personal automobile throughout the County. Communication is via cell phone. The employees are regularly exposed to the public in court settings and they have continual interaction with clients involved in trials. Petty cash is the only money handled.

The Department of Motor Vehicles and County Clerks offices are located in the main area of the building. The offices provide motor vehicle registration, title and licensing services. The Clerks office issues passports, pistol permits and performs various legal recording services. Access is through the main building entrance past security. The approximately 19 employees in the department have continual contact with the public. The offices are open weekdays from approximately 8:00am–5:00pm. Employees are mostly in the vicinity of other employees and do not work in the field. The department handles cash on a regular basis.

The Health Services / Public Health Department is located in the main area of the building. The office provides various clinic services and home nursing services. The departments 85 employees work both in the field and at the main office. The office is open 8:00am–5:00pm weekdays. However nurses also work on weekends and holidays and some staff is on call 24/7. Employees usually work alone other than the office staff that is in the vicinity of other employees. Nurses perform individual home nursing visits and are issued cell phones to keep in contact with the Department. Clerical staff or clinic nursing staff handle money at clinics. If needed, employees in the field are issued radios that are monitored by the Sheriff's Department.

The Information Technology Department is located in the main area of the building. The office provides technology support to other County departments. 2 employees work at the office that is open from 9:00am–5:00pm weekdays. Employees regularly interact with other employees. Employees are sometimes in the field visiting other County departments. Personal cars with personal cell phones are used in the field. Employees do not handle money.

The Office of Emergency Services is located in the “old jail” wing of the building. The office provides administration, clerical, equipment storage and classroom training for various emergency service providers within the County. Public access is controlled by unarmed security personnel and magnetometer. 3 full time employees and 6 part time employees work 8:00am–4:00pm regularly but work 24/7 during emergency operations. The employees travel regularly in County issued vehicles with County radios monitored by the 911 center. No money is handled.

The Probation Department has approximately 15 employees working from a location in the building. Public access is controlled by unarmed security personnel and magnetometer. Employees utilize other entrances via keyed doors. The employees supervise both adult and juveniles and conduct investigations for the courts. The officers are mobile in County issued vehicles with personal cell phones. Employees are regularly exposed to probationers and the public. Monies in form of restitution are collected at this location.

The Public Defender Department is located in the “old jail” wing of the building. The office provides legal representation of indigents. Public access is controlled by unarmed security personnel and magnetometer. 8 employees work from this location but are also mobile in personal vehicles while attending courts throughout the County. Office hours are 8:30am-5:00pm. Frequent contact is made with the public and the legal clients.

The Real Property office is located in the main area of the Municipal Center. The office provides tax map, clerical work, production of assessment rolls, tax rolls and tax bills. The office of 5 is open 8:00am-5:00pm weekdays. Employees remain at the facility and do not typically work in the field.

Monies are handled for payments of tax and parcel maps. Employees have constant interaction with the public.

The Tourism Department is located in the main area of the Municipal Center. The office provides tourism promotion. There are 8 employees in the office that is open from 9:00am-5:00pm weekdays. Some employees have occasional field work while at a nearby informational center or at trade shows and conventions. Monies are accepted at the office mostly in the form of checks. Employees travel in County vehicles and communicate with the office via cell phones.

The Treasurer's Office is located in the main area of the Municipal Center. The office provides financial support to the County including tax collection. There are 12 employees in the office that is open from 8:30am-4:30pm weekdays. The employees remain in the office and do not go out into the field to work. Employees have constant interaction with the public. The office handles a large amount of cash. A "panic alarm" exists in the office and a counter is in place where the public enters the office.

The Weights and Measurers Office is located in the main area of the Municipal Center. The office provides inspections to commercial scales and measuring systems throughout the County. The one employee typically works 8:00am-4:00pm and is highly mobile frequently works in the field. The employee has constant interaction with the public. The employee travels with a County vehicle and communicates via personal cell phone.

The Women's Infants & Children Department is located in the main area of the Municipal Center. The office conducts clinics and determines eligibility for benefits of women and young children. There are 9 employees that are frequently mobile and in constant contact with the public. Office hours vary and clinics are conducted after the rest of the building closes for business. The employees typically work in teams. The employees travel in a County vehicle and have County cell phones for communication purposes.

## **2. Human Services Building**

The building houses several County departments, the largest of which is the Social Services Department. Other departments include Building Codes, Board of Elections, Information Technology, Office for the Aging, Planning, Probation, Self-Insurance, and Veterans Administration. There is one primary entrance for the public that is monitored by unarmed security officers. All public visitors must enter through the magnetometer. There are several other locked entrances that are accessed by employees with a fob. The building is open to the public from 8:00am-5:00pm weekdays. Approximately 175 employees work in the building.

The Building Codes Department issues building permits, enforces building codes, performs fire safety and building inspections. The office is open to the public after entry via the security area. There are 8 employees, which regularly interact with the public at locations around the County. The department has several County vehicles some of which are equipped with radios monitored by the office staff. Others communicate with the office via personal cell phones. Cash is received at the office for permit and inspection fees and deposited weekly.

The Board of Elections Department registers voters and conducts elections. The office is open to the public after entry via the security area. There are 4 full time employees and numerous part time employees. Employees interact with the public on a daily basis and do not handle money. Employees primarily perform work within the building but during voting season attend to the many polling locations throughout the County. Employees travel in personal vehicles and communicate via personal cell phones.

The Information Technology department supports the various County departments. The office of 5 employees interacts mostly with other County employees. The office is locked at all times and entrance is via a fob. Employees usually work alone and if traveling they communicate with the office via personal cell phone.

The Office for the Aging Department is located in the building. Access is limited by a remote controlled door locking device. The 9 employees located at this office regularly interact with the public while performing support services for the aging population. Employees work both alone and in teams. Very little cash is handled in the office. The reception area and interview rooms are equipped with call buttons.

The Planning Department performs community planning and GIS services. The office is open to the public after entry via the security area. The 4 employees are mobile performing community planning work. The department has a County issued vehicle that is equipped with a County issued cell phone. The department handles very little cash.

The Social Services Department performs eligibility determinations for social services benefits. The 130 employees work typically 8:00am-5:00pm . However some employees are on call 24/7 and work in the building when the building is closed to the public. Approximately 50 employees work at least part of their day in the field. They utilize County vehicles for travel and use cell phones to communicate with the office. Most employees work alone, but they do occasionally work in teams. Employees handle money of various amounts each day. Employees have face to face contact with clients on the premises and in client homes. Interview rooms are utilized for most client interviews. The interview rooms consist of glass barriers and counters separating the client from the employee.

The Self-Insurance Department performs services for Towns and County departments in the form of workers' compensation administration and safety training. The departments 3 employees are located in an area accessible via fob. The office is open 7:00am-5:00pm weekdays. Public contact is minimal. However, there is frequent contact with injured workers. Employees that travel utilize personal vehicles with personal cell phones. No money is handled at the department.

The Veterans Services Department performs administration of veteran benefits and transportation to medical visits. The office is open to the public after entry via the security area. Public interaction is frequent. Van drivers work alone and utilize County vehicles and communicate with the office via cell phone. No money is handled at the office.

### **3. Countryside Adult Facility**

The facility is an adult care home and a nutritional meal site for the Office for the Aging. There are three entrances to the building. The entrances are locked from 11:00pm-6:00am. The Cornell Cooperative Extension building is nearby on the same property.

The facility is an adult home and also has an adult day care program. In addition the Office for the Aging Nutritional meal site is located at the same facility. Countryside Employee responsibilities include maintenance, cleaning, cooking, food services, resident aid, resident transportation and facility administration. Office for the Aging employees prepare and serve meals to the elderly public that visit the site.

The facility is in operation 24 hours a day every day of the year. The 31 employees typically work onsite. However, some employees travel with residents to doctors visits, activities and meetings. The employees usually work alone. The department has several County vehicles equipped with facility issued cell phones. Petty cash and residents personal allowance cash is kept onsite. The 2 Office for

the Aging employees interact with the public that visit the meal site for lunch each day. The meal site employees collect cash daily and deposit at days end. Policies are in place and employees have been trained to deal with difficult individuals.

#### **4. Public Safety Building**

The building consists of the Administrative Office for the Warren County Sheriff's Department, the 911 Communications Offices, and the County jail. Also on site is a maintenance facility. Additionally the Police department has 2 substations, one in Chestertown and one in Warrensburg. Public access is limited to the lobby area of the Administrative Offices. Approximately 170 employees work the department in the various locations. Services performed include typical municipal police work, patrol, investigations and public safety functions. Employees are highly mobile in department vehicles equipped with radios monitored by the 911 center. Employees work both alone and in teams. Employees constantly interact with the public. All of the departments divisions are accredited and as such have many policies and training in place.

#### **5. Employment and Training Office**

The facility is shared with the NYS Department of Labor. There is one entrance which is utilized by the public and employees and one dedicated employee entrance. There are multiple other retail buildings in the area and several retail and office locations connected to the office. There are separate entrances for the public and the employees. The office is in a large multistory building with several other business' and central guard station.

The department responsibilities include continual interaction with customers to perform assessments, review resumes, review career goals, provide counseling and job search services. Customers are often at difficult places in their lives having recently lost a job or are angry over some recent event that caused them to need the services of the department.

The Employment and Training department has 7 County employees that share offices with 12 State employees. Typical work hours are 8:00am-5:00pm. Employees are occasionally mobile to attend meetings and review worksites. Vehicles are not equipped with radios. However employees usually have personal cell phones. Petty cash is the only money kept on site. Policies are in place and employees have been trained to deal with difficult individuals.

#### **6. Community Services Office**

The facility is shared with a non-County mental health services organization. There are multiple entrances that are unlocked during business hours. The office is located within city limits in a residential/small business neighborhood. The non-County offices in the building regularly have seriously mentally ill clients that come in contact with the County office area.

Staff coordinates treatment, court orders, administers programs and process housing referrals for seriously mentally ill clients. However, the employees rarely interact with face to face with their own clients. The departments 5 employees are typically office workers but also travel to various locations via personal automobile with personal cell phones. Typical work hours are 8:30am-4:30pm. Employees typically work alone. Petty cash is the only money kept on site. Policies are in place and employees have been trained to deal with difficult individuals.

#### **7. Office for the Aging Nutritional Sites**

Employees at the various Nutritional Sites prepare noontime meals and distribute them to the areas aging population either via onsite gathering or via volunteer drivers. Employees generally do not work

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in the field and work in teams in the kitchen areas. However, since each site is open to the public the employees have daily interaction with the public. Each site accepts a limited amount of cash as payment for meals. Typical work hours for the Nutritional sites are 7:00am-1:00pm. Below are summaries of the various nutritional sites.

**Bolton Landing:** The nutritional site is located in the Church of the Saint Sacrament. There are church activities in the building as well as the nutritional site. The site is not fenced and public access is not controlled in any way. There are 2 employees.

**Cedars:** the nutritional site is located in the Cedars Senior Living Apartments in Queensbury. There are many other activities in the building. The site is not fenced and public access is not controlled. There are 7 employees.

**Chestertown:** the nutritional site is located in the Chestertown Municipal Center. There are other offices and municipal government operations in the building. The site is not fenced and public access is not controlled in any way. There are 2 employees.

**Glens Falls:** the nutritional site is located in the First Presbyterian Church in Glens Falls. There are other church events conducted at the same location. The site is not fenced and public access is not controlled in any way. Meals are not prepared at this location but are distributed here. 1 employee works at this location.

**Indian Lake:** the nutritional site is located at the Indian Lake Senior Center. There are other events conducted at the same location. The site is not fenced and public access is not controlled in any way. There are 2 employees.

**Johnsburg:** the nutritional site is located at the Johnsburg Senior Center. There are other events conducted at the same location. The site is not fenced and public access is not controlled in any way. There are 2 employees.

**Luzerne:** the nutritional site is located at the Lake Luzerne Town Office building. There are other events and government offices located at the site. The site is not fenced and public access is not controlled in any way. There is 1 employee.

**Lake Pleasant:** the nutritional site is located at the Lake Pleasant Senior Center. There are other events conducted at the same location. The site is not fenced and public access is not controlled in any way. There is 1 employee.

**Long Lake:** the nutritional site is located at the Long Lake Town Hall. There are other events and municipal offices at the site. The site is not fenced and public access is not controlled in any way. There are 2 employees.

**Queensbury:** the nutritional site is located at Solomon Heights Senior Apartments. There are many other activities in the building. The site is not fenced and public access is not controlled. Meals are not prepared at this location but are distributed here. There is 1 employee.

**Wells:** the nutritional site is located at the Wells Senior Center. There are other events conducted at the same location. The site is not fenced and public access is not controlled in any way. There are 2 employees.