

# Public Safety Reform Collaborative

## New York State Executive Order:

- All municipalities with police departments in New York State must adopt a plan for police reform and reinvention by April 1, 2021, per an executive order.
- Guidance shared with municipalities can be found on the governor's [website](#).
- The guidance includes that municipalities must address policing functions, standards, and strategies; fostering community-oriented leadership, culture, and accountability; and recruiting and supporting excellent and diverse personnel.

## Process:

- Tompkins County and the City of Ithaca will be working with the [Center for Policing Equity](#), a national organization that partners with police departments on data-driven interventions.

## Accountability:

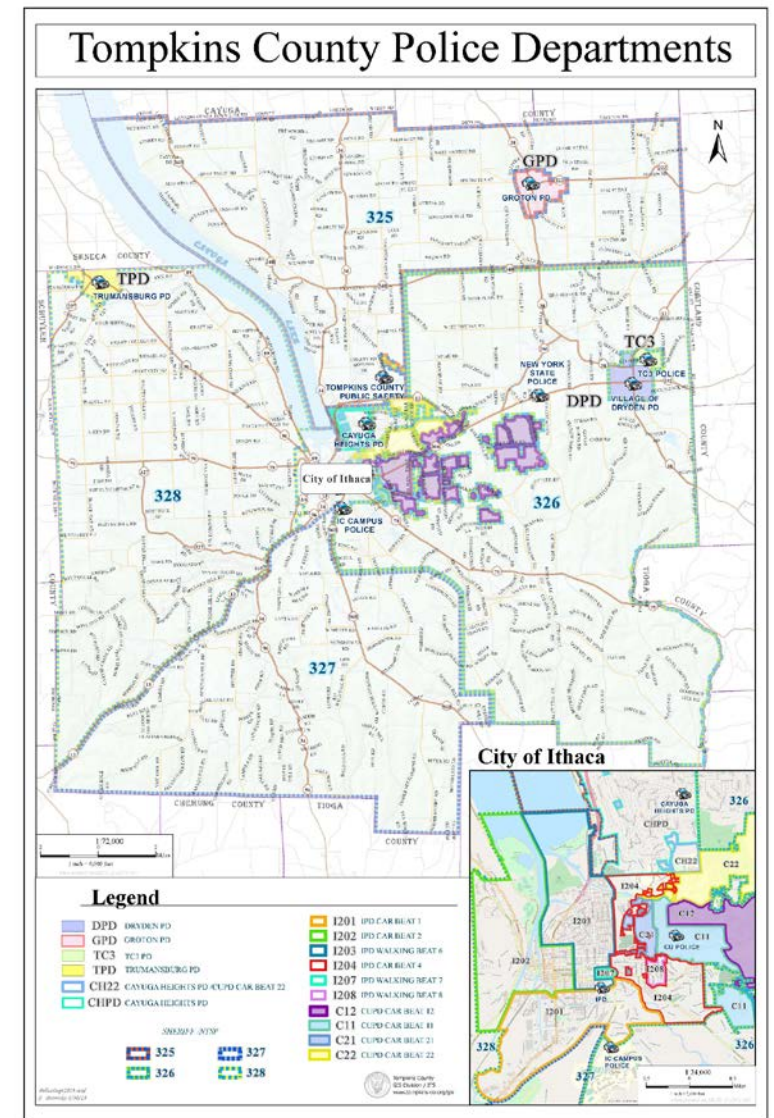
- The Chief Executive of each local government must submit a plan, ratified or adopted by local law to the New York State office of Management & Budget by April 1, 2021.



# Jurisdictions in Tompkins County

## What are jurisdictions?

- Contained areas in which officials are sworn certain responsibilities. Police officers who work for a particular jurisdiction would only be authorized to enforce the law within those jurisdiction limits.
- Some jurisdictions are “subject matter jurisdictions,” (i.e. State Liquor Authority enforcing alcohol violations)
- This interactive [map](#) shows a breakdown of jurisdiction by geographic location in Tompkins County. Note that in certain circumstances police departments may assist across-jurisdiction. A pdf file of the jurisdictions can be found [here](#).
- The Tompkins County Sheriff’s Office has jurisdiction over the entire County. Not all municipalities have police departments.



# Agency & Department Breakdown by Public Safety Activities



## Tompkins County

### *Public Safety*

Sheriff's Office & Jail

District Attorney

Assigned Counsel

Probation and Community Justice

Emergency Response

*Supporting Agencies*

### *Health and Human Services*

Social Services

Mental Health

Public Health

Human Rights Office

Office for the Aging

Youth Services

Veterans Services

*Sponsoring Agencies*

### *Government Operations*

County Legislature

County Administration

Information Technology Services

County Attorney

Assessment

County Clerk

Board of Elections

*Sponsoring Agencies*

### *Planning, Energy, and Environmental Quality & Housing & Economic Development*

Workforce Development

Planning & Sustainability

### *Facilities and Infrastructure*

Facilities

Highway

Recycling & Materials Management

Weights & Measures

Airport

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# Tompkins County Sheriff's Office & Jail

Public Safety



## • Responsibilities:

- Road Patrol:
  - Categories of response include motor vehicle crashes, alarm activations, larceny complaints, criminal mischief, burglaries, 911 calls, etc.
- Civil Division:
  - Handles pistol permit applications and amendments, identification and serving of court-ordered divorce actions, eviction papers, orders of protection, income executions, warrants, and notices of appearance.
- Corrections Division:
  - Operation of the Tompkins County Jail
  - Intake, Booking, Identification, Classification, Supervision, and Transport.

## • Jurisdiction:

- Tompkins County (Geographic)
- Law Enforcement & Corrections (Subject Matter)

## • Accountability:

- Tompkins County Sheriff is an Elected Position, 4 year terms

## 2021 Recommended Budget, Local Dollars (County):

- Sheriff's Office, \$5,287,772
  - 49 Full Time Equivalents
- Jail, \$5,429,107
  - 50.4 Full Time Equivalents

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# Tompkins County District Attorney's Office

Public Safety



## • Responsibilities:

- Prosecuting criminal offenses defined under State law, committed within Tompkins County
  - Prosecute a broad range of offenses, from serious felonies (murder, rape, robbery, etc.) to traffic infractions (e.g., speeding).
- Engagement with Alternatives to Incarceration based specialty courts such as treatment court and mental health court
- Aiding crime victims throughout the criminal justice process

## 2021 Recommended Budget, Local Dollars (County):

- \$1,689,432
  - 16.18 Full Time Equivalents

## • Jurisdiction:

- Tompkins County (Geographic)
- Prosecution under State Law (Subject Matter)

## • Accountability:

- District Attorney is an Elected Position, 4 Year Terms

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# Tompkins County Assigned Counsel

Public Safety



- **Responsibilities:**

- Assigned Counsel to Defendants

- Receives and reviews all applications for free attorney services and determines eligibility. Financial eligibility levels include: automatic eligibility for public assistance, poverty level, and inability to afford counsel. Attorneys are provided for charges including violations, misdemeanors, felonies, and appeals in criminal court, and most matters in family court.

- **Jurisdiction:**

- Tompkins County (Geographic)

- **Accountability:**

- Assigned Counsel reports to County Administrator
- New York State Assigned Counsel [Standards](#)

## 2021 Recommended Budget, Local Dollars (County):

- \$1,786,264
  - 5.57 Full Time Equivalents

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# Tompkins County Probation & Community Justice

Public Safety



## • Responsibilities:

- Diversion services for juveniles defined as a (PINS) Person In Need of Supervision or (JD) Juvenile Delinquent
- Conducts investigations for both Family and Criminal Courts
- Probation supervision, ensuring conditions set by the Court are followed, that the treatment needs of the probationer are being met, that victims are made whole, and offender's activities are closely monitored
- Provides Victim Impact Statements
- Makes recommendations to the court regarding an offender's financial responsibility to the victim and then works with the offender to ensure that court ordered restitution is paid.

## 2021 Recommended Budget, Local Dollars (County):

- \$2,775,524
  - 36 Full Time Equivalents

## • Jurisdiction:

- Tompkins County (Geographic)

## • Accountability:

- Department Director reports to County Administrator
- Department Director reports to NYS DCJS Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives

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# Tompkins County Dept. of Emergency Response

Public Safety



## • Responsibilities:

- Oversees Countywide emergency dispatch and communications systems that allow residents to dial 9-1-1 to receive emergency medical, fire, police, or other emergency help
- Implements County Mutual Aid/Disaster Plans, which provide County fire, emergency medical, and other agency assistance when local services have exceeded their local equipment and personnel resources
- Notifies citizens about law enforcement emergencies, floods, fires, water emergencies, road closures, missing persons, evacuation orders, and weather emergencies.

## 2021 Recommended Budget, Local Dollars (County):

- \$2,985,113
  - 32 Full Time Equivalents

## • Jurisdiction:

- Tompkins County (Geographic)
- Emergency Dispatch (Subject Matter)

## • Accountability:

- Department Director reports to County Administrator

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# Provide Input & Feedback

In order to develop an equitable and consistent policing and public safety system in Tompkins County, we are seeking your feedback on policing and law enforcement.

General feedback on policing and public safety is welcome, if you have feedback for a specific police department please specify that department in your answer.

Community answers to these questions will be discussed by County Administrator Jason Molino in a community forum on October 15 at 5pm on the County's YouTube [Channel](#).

**Please take the following survey to share your input:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCSRGRN>

