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Harckham Applauds Nearly \$400,000 in Grants to SD40 Counties for 911 Centers

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(Peekskill, NY) After announcing over \$500,000 in critical law enforcement and public safety grants to Senate District 40 on Wednesday, Senator Pete Harckham applauded an announcement from Governor Cuomo of an additional \$400,000 going to Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester counties, to help strengthen emergency response operations (911 centers). The grants are being issued through the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services via their Public Safety Answering Points Operations Grants and can be used for

upgrades to emergency service dispatch operations throughout the three counties.

County 911 operations can use the funding in a variety of ways including upgrades to their dispatching technology, for operating expenses, and for adding new services like text messaging, data communication and geo-location.

Dutchess county will receive \$168,353, Putnam will receive \$99,911 and Westchester will be awarded \$127,807.

"This week has brought nearly \$1 million in public safety/law enforcement grants into Senate District 40, to keep our communities safe," said Senator Harckham. "The \$400,000 in grants announced today will help our counties and municipalities upgrade their 911 dispatch operations to improve emergency dispatch time. These grants, on top of the more than \$500,000 in law enforcement/public safety grants I awarded earlier this week, will help ensure that law enforcement agencies can effectively patrol and protect our residents and communities."

On Wednesday, Harckham awarded over \$500,000 in public safety and law enforcement grants to eight SD40 municipalities/law enforcement agencies - Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, Putnam County District Attorney's Office, Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Brewster, Cortlandt, Croton-on-Hudson, Somers and Yorktown. These grants are earmarked for a variety of public safety/law enforcement upgrades to help fight crime and keep our citizens safe including license plate readers, new police cars and other emergency vehicles, speed devices, "Stop the Bleed" kits and critical computer upgrades.