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### Law Enforcement, Emergency Services and School District Partner on Large-Scale Active Shooter Training Scenario in Harpursville

(HARPURSVILLE, NY) On Friday, July 18, 2025, over 100 members of local law enforcement agencies, emergency services workers, first responders, school employees and community members participated in a large-scale training scenario simulating a school shooting event in Harpursville, NY.

The training scenario, conducted by the Broome County Sheriff's Office Training Division, was developed in partnership with the Harpursville School District to create a realistic simulation of a potential mass casualty event. The scenario involved multiple shooters, victims and improvised explosive devices to test the ability and preparedness of both our community's first responders and the school district to coordinate and respond to a similar, real-life emergency situation.

"Our Broome County Sheriff's Training Division made every effort to make this scenario as real as possible," said Undersheriff Sam Davis. "No one ever wants to see the day this training must be utilized in a real-life situation, but we must always be prepared. These types of trainings are the best way for our men and women to test themselves and ensure that they are properly trained for real-life scenarios where lives are on the line and every second counts."

Law enforcement, emergency services and dispatchers participating in the training were not given any details in advance, and therefore had to mobilize, respond and react in real time as reports of the situation came in from the school at 9:00 AM.

Broome County SWAT, Endicott Bomb Squad, K9 and Ambulance units mobilized and responded to the school, while law enforcement and emergency services coordinated entry, evacuation and reunification with school administrators and officials. BCSO Drones took flight to give the emergency command a detailed view of the area and Broome County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Academy recruits assisted as civilians and victims in the simulation.

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“Lt. Jan Cower, head of our Training Division, did an outstanding job planning this scenario, but we could not have conducted this operation successfully without close coordination and planning with our partners in law enforcement, emergency services and our local schools,” said Davis. “All in all, our collective team did an excellent job coordinating and responding to a volatile and potentially chaotic situation. Seeing firsthand how smoothly and professionally they performed was truly inspiring. We could not be prouder of all their hard work today.”

Broome County Office of Emergency Services, Harpursville Central School District, Chenango County Sheriff’s Office, Endicott Police, Johnson City Police, New York State Police, Vestal Police, Broome Security, Harpursville Fire Department, Broome Volunteer Emergency Squad, and Superior Ambulance were all involved in the training.

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