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## **BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE**

Broome County Sheriff's Office Receives \$834,118 Law Enforcement Technology Grant County-wide License-Plate Reader Network to be Installed

(DICKINSON, NY) Broome County Sheriff's Office was awarded a grant totaling \$834,118 from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Law Enforcement Technology Grant (LETECH) Grant program.

The majority of the funding will be utilized to purchase and install a county-wide License Plate Reader network, which will integrate with the Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center to assist all law enforcement agencies in identifying and locating wanted criminals and fugitives entering the community, as well as helping identify and locate stolen vehicles and vehicles involved in ongoing investigations. Some of the funding will also go toward purchasing a new Digital Forensic Computer and provide tablet and smartboard training technology for the Broome County Law Enforcement Academy.

"This grant funding will go directly toward helping the men and women of the Broome County Sheriff's Office better serve and protect the people of this community," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "When fully implemented, these technological upgrades will not only assist our Road Patrol and Detectives locate wanted criminals and vehicles to help keep our communities safe today, but will help our Law Enforcement Academy better prepare our recruits to serve and protect our communities tomorrow. Congratulations to our team for putting together an excellent proposal and Thank You to the DCJS and Governor Hochul for this important investment in public safety."

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