



**Committee for the  
Coordination of Police  
Services to Elderly Persons**

# **2021 Annual Report**

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## **New York State**

### **Committee for the Coordination of Police Services to Elderly Persons 2021 Annual Report**

This report is submitted by the Committee as required by Section 844-b (3-a) of the New York State Executive Law. It details information about the Committee's activities and includes statistics from Domestic Incident Reports (DIRs) involving elderly victims (65 or older) from the 57 counties in New York State outside of New York City.

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Office of Public Safety provides support to the Committee.

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## Overview

New York State Executive Law 844-b outlines the duties of the Committee, which include the support and development of programs, training, prevention practices and technical support to law enforcement agencies and service providers to combat crimes against the elderly.

In 2021, the New York State Committee for the Coordination of Police Services to Elderly Persons focused on developing and supporting training to improve the law enforcement response to elder abuse and raising awareness, among committee members and their constituents, of the resources available to elderly individuals. The Committee also explored issues unique to older persons who are homebound due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Committee met on April 13, 2021 and September 22, 2021. The meetings were held virtually via Cisco Webex pursuant to Executive Order 202.1, which suspended the portion of New York State law requiring meetings to take place in person and authorized public meetings to be held virtually.

## Committee Activities

### Law Enforcement Training

In 2021, the Committee further discussed the development of an online webinar training. Members served as subject matter experts, suggesting topics and presenters and developed an outline of the training. Proposed topics include an overview of the Committee, impact of financial abuse on the elderly community, types of financial abuse, including scams, the law enforcement response, and an overview of the New York State Enhanced Multi-Disciplinary Team initiative (eMDT). Recommended presenters ranged from service providers to law enforcement for a multifaceted approach to address financial abuse.

The webinar will be presented as part of the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Law Enforcement webinar series in early 2022.

### Program Support and Informational Updates

#### *New York State Enhanced Multi-Disciplinary Team initiative*

The Committee continued to endorse and collaborate with the Office of Public Safety to disseminate information to law enforcement regarding the availability of grant-funded enhanced multi-disciplinary teams (E-MDTs), which are managed by the New York State Office for the Aging. E-MDTs investigate and intervene in complex cases of elder abuse. They bring together professionals from various disciplines, including, but not limited to, Adult Protective Services, aging services, health and human services and law enforcement, to provide an effective and efficient means of addressing complex cases of abuse of older adults (aged 60 and older). The teams provide information about services, referrals to victim service programs, legal services and individual advocacy to help with retrieving personal property and applying for public benefits, if necessary. Coordinators provide case consultation and access to consultation services, such as forensic accounting, geriatric counseling, healthcare, and civil legal representation.

Additionally, in honor of World Elder Abuse Day, the Governor's office, in collaboration with the Committee, issued a press release highlighting New York as the leading state in the nation to provide such services to vulnerable adults at risk of abuse, neglect or financial exploitation. The program covers 51 counties, that account for 92 percent of older adults in New York State. Team development continues for the remaining counties in the state.

### *Law Enforcement Resources Toolkit Updates*

Since 2017, the Committee continues to add new resources and tools to the Elder Abuse Law Enforcement Toolkit. The toolkit is electronic and easily accessible to the law enforcement community and other elder abuse prevention stakeholders. The Committee expanded the Toolkit in 2021 with updated contact information for the New York State enhanced multi-disciplinary teams. The Toolkit was re-distributed to the law enforcement community to share the updated resources.

### **Future Activities of the Committee**

The Committee and staff from the DCJS Office of Public Safety will continue to identify programs, in consultation with experts and service providers, designed to assist law enforcement in the safeguarding of elderly persons.

In addition, the Committee will collaborate with Office of Public Safety and Lifespan of Greater Rochester to support the facilitation of a training series on financial exploitation. This series aims to provide first responders and investigators with the tools to better detect and address financial exploitation in elder victims.

## Domestic Incident Reports (DIR) Involving Elderly Victims (Age 65 and Older), Upstate and Long Island, 2021

### TOTAL DIRs

- In 2021, law enforcement agencies in 57 Upstate and Long Island counties completed a total of 7,871 DIRs involving elderly victims who were 65 years old or older.

### RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VICTIM AND SUSPECT

- In 43 percent (3,393) of those DIRs, a child was reported as victimizing a parent.
- Spousal or ex-spousal relationships accounted for 18 percent (1,404) of elderly victim incidents. Intimate partners or ex-intimate partners accounted for 11 percent (837) of incidents.
- Other family members accounted for 20 percent of suspects (1,562). The reports do not provide a specific breakdown of other family relationships.

### VICTIM AND SUSPECT DEMOGRAPHICS

- Almost two-thirds (62%) of elderly victims were identified as female (4,851) and 63 percent of suspects were identified as male (4,995).
- More victims (45%) ranged in age from 65 to 69 than any **other age group**.
- The median age of all victims was 70 years old.

**TABLE 1. DOMESTIC INCIDENT REPORTS (DIR)  
INVOLVING ELDERLY VICTIMS (AGE 65 AND OLDER),  
UPSTATE AND LONG ISLAND, 2021**

	Upstate and Long Island 2021	
	Number	Percent
<b>TOTAL ELDERLY INCIDENTS</b>	<b>7,871</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Suspect's Relationship to Victim</b>		
Spouse or Ex-Spouse	1,404	17.8
Intimate Partner or Former Intimate Partner	837	10.6
Parent	21	0.3
Child	3,393	43.1
Other Family	1,562	19.8
Other/Unknown	337	4.3
Not Reported	317	4.0
<b>Victim Gender</b>		
Male	2,905	36.9
Female	4,851	61.6
Not Reported	115	1.5
<b>Suspect Gender</b>		
Male	4,995	63.5
Female	2,710	34.4
Not Reported	166	2.1
<b>Victim Age Group</b>		
65 – 69	3,550	45.1
70 – 74	2,158	27.4
75 – 79	1,061	13.5
80 and over	1,102	14.0
Median Age: 70		
<b>Suspect Age Group</b>		
5 – 15	309	3.9
16 – 19	340	4.3
20 – 29	1,059	13.5
30 – 39	1,656	21.0
40 – 49	1,321	16.8
50 – 59	1,121	14.2
60 – 69	1,028	13.1
70 and over	848	10.8
Not Reported	189	2.4
Median Age: 43		

**Source:** Division of Criminal Justice Services DIR Repository. Preliminary data subject to change. Includes DIRs completed in 2021 and entered into the repository as of 6/1/22.

**Note:** Information previously provided on suspect/victim race/ethnicity, offenses committed, orders of protection, and the presence of the suspect at the scene is no longer available.

**TABLE 2. NUMBER OF DOMESTIC INCIDENT REPORTS (DIR) INVOLVING ELDERLY VICTIMS BY COUNTY, UPSTATE AND LONG ISLAND, 2021**

County	DIRs		County	DIRs	
	Number	Percent		Number	Percent
Albany	380	4.8	Oneida	175	2.2
Allegany	31	0.4	Onondaga	170	2.2
Broome	221	2.8	Ontario	91	1.2
Cattaraugus	41	0.5	Orange	234	3.0
Cayuga	83	1.1	Orleans	5	0.1
Chautauqua	66	0.8	Oswego	73	0.9
Chemung	19	0.2	Otsego	45	0.6
Chenango	36	0.5	Putnam	61	0.8
Clinton	34	0.4	Rensselaer	126	1.6
Columbia	51	0.6	Rockland	184	2.3
Cortland	51	0.6	Saratoga	58	0.7
Delaware	49	0.6	Schenectady	159	2.0
Dutchess	191	2.4	Schoharie	213	2.7
Erie	443	5.6	Schuyler	10	0.1
Essex	13	0.2	Seneca	4	0.1
Franklin	28	0.4	St Lawrence	20	0.3
Fulton	15	0.2	Steuben	36	0.5
Genesee	28	0.4	Suffolk	1,527	19.4
Greene	41	0.5	Sullivan	30	0.4
Hamilton	0	0.0	Tioga	20	0.3
Herkimer	41	0.5	Tompkins	65	0.8
Jefferson	70	0.9	Ulster	75	1.0
Lewis	8	0.1	Warren	41	0.5
Livingston	28	0.4	Washington	34	0.4
Madison	66	0.8	Wayne	76	1.0
Monroe	322	4.1	Westchester	551	7.0
Montgomery	15	0.2	Wyoming	12	0.2
Nassau	1,267	16.1	Yates	37	0.5
Niagara	101	1.3	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7,871</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**TABLE 3. DOMESTIC INCIDENT REPORTS (DIR)  
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UPSTATE AND LONG ISLAND, 2020 – 2021**

	Upstate and Long Island 2021		
	2020	2021	% Change 2021 vs 2020
<b>TOTAL ELDERLY INCIDENTS</b>	<b>7,213</b>	<b>7,871</b>	<b>-5.2</b>
<b>Suspect's Relationship to Victim</b>			
Spouse or Ex-Spouse	1,228	1,404	14.3
Intimate Partner or Former Intimate Partner	748	837	11.9
Parent	16	21	31.3
Child	3,220	3,393	5.4
Other Family	1,445	1,562	8.1
Other	315	337	7.0
Not Reported	241	317	31.5
<b>Victim Gender</b>			
Male	2,658	2,905	9.3
Female	4,497	4,851	7.9
Not Reported	58	115	98.3
<b>Suspect Gender</b>			
Male	4,597	4,995	8.7
Female	2,494	2,710	8.7
Not Reported	122	166	36.1
<b>Victim Age Group</b>			
65 – 69	3,213	3,550	10.5
70 – 74	1,869	2,158	15.5
75 – 79	1,053	1,061	0.8
80 and over	1,078	1,102	2.2
Median Age:	70	70	0.0
<b>Suspect Age Group</b>			
5 – 15	300	309	3.0
16 – 19	371	340	-8.4
20 – 29	1,013	1,059	4.5
30 – 39	1,469	1,656	12.7
40 – 49	1,255	1,321	5.3
50 – 59	1,064	1,121	5.4
60 – 69	866	1,028	18.7
70 and over	737	848	15.1
Not Reported	138	189	37.0
Median Age:	42	43	2.4

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Cattaraugus	47	41	-12.8	Orange	200	234	17.0
Cayuga	47	83	76.6	Orleans	12	5	
Chautauqua	70	66	-5.7	Oswego	67	73	9.0
Chemung	13	19	46.2	Otsego	53	45	-15.1
Chenango	35	36	2.9	Putnam	61	61	0.0
Clinton	29	34	17.2	Rensselaer	96	126	31.3
Columbia	55	51	-7.3	Rockland	191	184	-3.7
Cortland	40	51	27.5	Saratoga	65	58	-10.8
Delaware	55	49	-10.9	Schenectady	101	159	57.4
Dutchess	153	191	24.8	Schoharie	145	213	46.9
Erie	344	443	28.8	Schuyler	15	10	-33.3
Essex	15	13	-13.3	Seneca	0	4	
Franklin	22	28	27.3	St Lawrence	26	20	-23.1
Fulton	14	15	7.1	Steuben	30	36	20.0
Genesee	33	28	-15.2	Suffolk	1,463	1,527	4.4
Greene	55	41	-25.5	Sullivan	43	30	-30.2
Hamilton	3	0		Tioga	16	20	25.0
Herkimer	40	41	2.5	Tompkins	44	65	47.7
Jefferson	76	70	-7.9	Ulster	91	75	-17.6
Lewis	8	8		Warren	20	41	105.0
Livingston	20	28	40.0	Washington	27	34	25.9
Madison	73	66	-9.6	Wayne	93	76	-18.3
Monroe	402	322	-19.9	Westchester	549	551	0.4
Montgomery	21	15	-28.6	Wyoming	8	12	
Nassau	1,065	1,267	19.0	Yates	16	37	131.3
Niagara	95	101	6.3	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7,213</b>	<b>7,871</b>	<b>9.1</b>

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**Note:** Percent change is not calculated when values are less than 10.

## **Attachment A: Enabling Legislation and Committee Composition**

Chapter III of the Laws of 1993 established the New York State Committee for the Coordination of Police Services to Elderly Persons.

As required by Section 844-b (2) (a) of New York State Executive Law, the Committee is composed of 16 members appointed by the DCJS Commissioner.

Committee membership must include: one representative of DCJS and the following state agencies: the New York State Police; Office of Victim Services; Office for the Aging; and the Office of Children and Family Services; two representatives each from the District Attorneys' Association of New York State; state Association of Chiefs of Police; and the New York State Sheriffs' Association; one representative each from the Attorney General's Office; the New York City Police Department; the New York State Crime Prevention Coalition; and two representatives from the legislature, one appointed by Senate president and the other by the Assembly speaker. Additionally, a representative from the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) serves on the Committee, replacing the position designated for the commissioner of the state's former Department of Social Services (as prescribed in Section 844-b).

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Consult with experts, service providers, and representative organizations engaged in the protection of the elderly.
- Recommend the development of "Triad" or related programs in New York State, if appropriate, to assist the elderly to avoid criminal victimization through coordinated efforts of state and local law enforcement agencies and organizations which provide services to the elderly.
- Recommend policies and programs, if appropriate, to assist law enforcement agencies to implement "Triad" and related programs, including training and prevention standards and technical assistance. Such recommendations may include:
  - 1) The establishment of a statewide and central clearinghouse of information and education materials.
  - 2) The development of innovative community police programs for the elderly.
  - 3) Providing assistance to the Municipal Police Training Council in the development and delivery of training to law enforcement professionals involved in "Triad Programs," including, but not limited to: crimes against the elderly and the protection of elderly persons; police sensitivity to the needs of elderly persons as victims and witnesses; and social and human services.
  - 4) Providing assistance to state and local law enforcement officials and not-for-profit corporations and other organizations with respect to effective policies and responses to crimes against elderly persons.

- 5) Promoting and facilitating cooperation among state agencies and local units of government.
- 6) Effective advocacy of services to protect elderly persons and elderly victims of crime.
- 7) Evaluating the relationship between crimes against elderly persons and other problems confronting elderly persons and making recommendations for effective policy response.
- 8) The collection of statistical data and research.

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