

Tioga County Emergency Services 2024 Annual Report

2024 started as a challenging year, as it saw a transition in leadership, with Mike Simmons leaving the Director role, and Corinne Cornelius assuming the role, in February. The Deputy Director was unfilled until September, when William Ellis III was brought onboard.

Work continued throughout 2024 on the new P25 trunked radio system. There were many obstacles that we worked through to push the project along. Anticipated completion is now late 2025.

The 911 Communications Center had a renovation in August, that included new furniture and the new “Vesta” phone system. CAD is working well for Law Enforcement partners, and EMS agencies are beginning to be included as well.

The Tioga County Threat Assessment team has continued to be formed in compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order #18. The team has formed and began receiving referrals. Many trainings were completed, and Corinne Cornelius received her Master Trainer status for Threat Evaluation and Reporting.

Fire and EMS agencies were busy throughout 2024, including a mutual aid deployment to Orange County to assist in fighting wildfires. Multiple training courses occurred, including two EMT courses.

NYS DHSES Commissioner Jackie Bray visited the county in March and spoke to some of the potential hazards for the year, including the Solar Eclipse and the Presidential Election. Both events brought no significant incidents or issues for County Emergency Services/Emergency Management.

The Office participated in the County Expo, as well as multiple training courses and conferences throughout the year, which has brought increased knowledge and preparedness to the county, as we continue to look to increase our preparedness and partnerships.

We are looking forward to tackling new projects in 2025, including moving closer to the completion of the radio project, hosting an Open House on May 17th and working towards updating plans to further bolster county preparedness and response.