

**Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** April 6, 2023 – 5:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, Kingston  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Eve Walter  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Chelsea Villalba, Legislative Employee  
**PRESENT:** Deputy Chair Gina Hansut and Legislators Dean Fabiano, Chris Hewitt, and Abe Uchitelle  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk; Sheriff Juan Figueroa, Collin Reynolds, and Chad Storey – UC Sheriff’s Office; UC Assistant District Attorney Emmanuel Nneji; Elizabeth Corrado – UC Public Defender’s Office; Director Everett Erichsen – UC Emergency Services, Deputy County Executive Chris Kelly

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Chair Walter called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.

**Motion No. 1:** **Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of the March 2, 2023 Meeting of the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee**

**Motion by:** Legislator Uchitelle  
**Motion Seconded by:** Legislator Hewitt

**Discussion:** None. Hearing none, Chair Walter called the question.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Hansut, Hewitt, Fabiano, Uchitelle and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None.  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Minutes APPROVED**

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Resolutions for the April 18, 2023 Session of the Legislature

**Resolution No. 128** – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2023, A Local Law To Allow Enrolled Volunteer Firefighters And Volunteer Ambulance Workers To Be Eligible For A Real Property Tax Exemption Under Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) § 466-a

**Resolution Summary:** Adopts Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023, allowing municipalities to provide eligible, active members of volunteer fire or ambulance services with a partial exemption of up to 10% on municipal taxes on residential property located in the municipality served by the volunteer’s company.

**Motion No. 2:** **Moved for DISCUSSION**

**Motion By:** Legislator Uchitelle  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano  
**Discussion:** Chair Walter recognized Director Erichsen to discuss the creation of a frequently asked questions tool for volunteer and municipal inquiries. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Walter called the question.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle & Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes In Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 150** – Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Traffic Safety Board

**Resolution Summary:** Confirms the appointment of Sgt. Robert Vedder, Jr. to a term of 4/18/23- 1/31/25 on the Traffic Safety Board.

**Motion No. 3:** **Motion for DISCUSSION**

**Motion By:** Legislator Uchitelle  
**Seconded By:** Legislator Hewitt

**Discussion:** Legislator Uchitelle expressed his support for a voice from the Sheriff's Office on the Committee. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Walter called the question.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle & Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 151** – Confirming The Appointment Of Elizabeth Corrado As Director Of Ulster County's Public Defender's Office

**Resolution Summary:** Confirms the appointment of Elizabeth Corrado to the position of Public Defender.

**Motion No. 4:** **Moved for DISCUSSION**

**Motion By:** Legislator Hansut  
**Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** Chair Walter recognized Ms. Corrado to share her legal and managerial experience with the Committee. Legislator Hansut inquired about the

Public Defender staff's experience with Discovery Law Reform and if there is adequate staff in the department, to which Ms. Corrado responded that the department would work more efficiently with an additional attorney and properly working equipment. Chair Walter inquired about Ms. Corrado's familiarity with centralized arraignment and her thoughts about how that will impact the Public Defender's office. Ms. Corrado expressed her commitment to learning more about centralized arraignment and her concerns about defendants' transportation to their homes from arraignment to which Chair Walter responded that taxi vouchers are available. Chair Walter also asked about Ms. Corrado's experience with state level advocacy, and Ms. Corrado informed the Committee of her relevant experience and education she is receiving to expand advocacy. Chair Walter expressed the importance of the Public Defender's presence at Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee meetings. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Walter called the question.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle & Walter  
**Voting Against:** None.  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 205** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Department Of Justice For Asset Forfeiture - Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** Authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into an agreement with the Department of Justice for the reporting of asset forfeitures through the Asset Forfeiture eShare Access.

**Motion No. 5:** **Moved for DISCUSSION**

**Motion By:** Legislator Uchitelle  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hansut

**Discussion:** None. Hearing no discussion, Chair Walter called the question.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle & Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 206** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Town Of Saugerties To Provide An Officer Deputy To The Sheriff's O.R.A.C.L.E. Team As A Trainee – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** Authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign an agreement with the Town of Saugerties to provide an Officer to serve with the Sheriff's O.R.A.C.L.E. Team as a Training Officer for the term 10/1/22 – 9/30/2025.

**Motion No. 6:** **Moved for DISCUSSION**

**Motion By:** Legislator Hewitt  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** Chair Walter recognized Mr. Storey to share background information about the O.R.A.C.L.E. program. Legislator Uchitelle requested clarification on the financial component of the grant in connection with the resolution. Mr. Storey shared that other counties and national efforts are interested in replicating this program. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Walter called the question.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle & Walter  
**Voting Against:** None.  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED AS AMENDED AS PRESENTED**

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**Resolution No. 207** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Approve Application For BJA FY 2023 Connect And Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program Grant – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** Authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute the application for the Department of Justice BJA FY 2023 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program Grant to support law enforcement-behavioral health cross-system collaboration to improve public health, safety, responses to and outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.

**Motion No. 7:** **Moved for DISCUSSION**

**Motion By:** Legislator Fabiano  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hansut

**Discussion:** Chair Walter recognized Mr. Storey to provide background for the program. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Walter called the question.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle & Walter  
**Voting Against:** None.  
**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 208** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Approve Application For DOJ COPS FY 2023 Law Enforcement Mental Health And Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Grant - Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** Authorizes request to apply for the DOJ Community Oriented Policing Services FY 23 LEMHWA to improve delivery of and access to mental health/wellness services for police using peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, etc.

**Motion No. 8:** **Moved for DISCUSSION**

**Motion By:** Legislator Hewitt  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** Chair Walter recognized Hearing no further discussion, Chair Walter called the question.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle & Walter  
**Voting Against:** None.  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 209** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Department Of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency For Information Sharing Access – Department Of Emergency Management

**Resolution Summary:** Authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an Information Sharing Access Agreement with DHS/FEMA.

**Motion No. 9:** **Moved for DISCUSSION**

**Motion By:** Legislator Hewitt  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Uchitelle

**Discussion:** Chair Walter recognized Director Erichsen to provide background on the agreement. Director Erichsen explained that this resolution has to do with the county hazard mitigation plan. Chair Walter expressed concern regarding non-county owned properties and agricultural lands not included in the plan and how these properties may be affected by extreme weather.

Deputy Executive Kelly shared attempts to increase access to technology and information systems to support non-county owned properties at risk. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Walter called the question.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle & Walter  
**Voting Against:** None.  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 210** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Indigent Legal Services For The Second Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction – Public Defender

**Resolution Summary:** Authorizes Executive’s request for an agreement with NYS OILS for Ulster County’s participation in the Second Upstate Family Defense Quality Improvement & Case Reduction grant Initiative over the period of 01/01/2023 – 12/31/25.

**Motion No. 10:** **Moved for DISCUSSION**

**Motion By:** Legislator Hansut  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** Chair Walter recognized Ms. Corrado to provide background information on the grant initiative. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Walter called the question.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle & Walter  
**Voting Against:** None.  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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At the request of Chair Walter, Sheriff Figueroa provided the Committee with details about the mental health support programs available to officers.

Chair Walter recognized forthcoming Resolution No. 133 – Supporting New York State Senate Bill S182 and Assembly Bill A710 To End Qualified Immunity For Certain Defendants

Under new business, Deputy Chair Hansut inquired about engagement between the Kingston Mobile Mental Health Unit and the Sheriff’s Department. Director Erichsen explained the process these emergency calls follow and lauded the success of the program so far.

Legislator Uchitelle expressed concern about the challenges around building dispatch capacity to prevent mental health emergencies ending in tragedy.

Legislator Hewitt, Director Erichsen and Sheriff Figueroa discussed the ramifications of constabulary access to the Sheriff's radio system.

Deputy Chair Hansut shared with the Committee the official establishment of Veterans Treatment Court.

Chair Walter informed the Committee of their resignation.

Chair Walter asked the members if there was any other business. Hearing none:

**Adjournment**

<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Hewitt
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Uchitelle
<b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>	5
<b>No. of Votes Against:</b>	0

**TIME:** 5:57 PM

**Respectfully Submitted:** Chelsea Villalba, Legislative Employee  
**Approved:** May 4, 2023



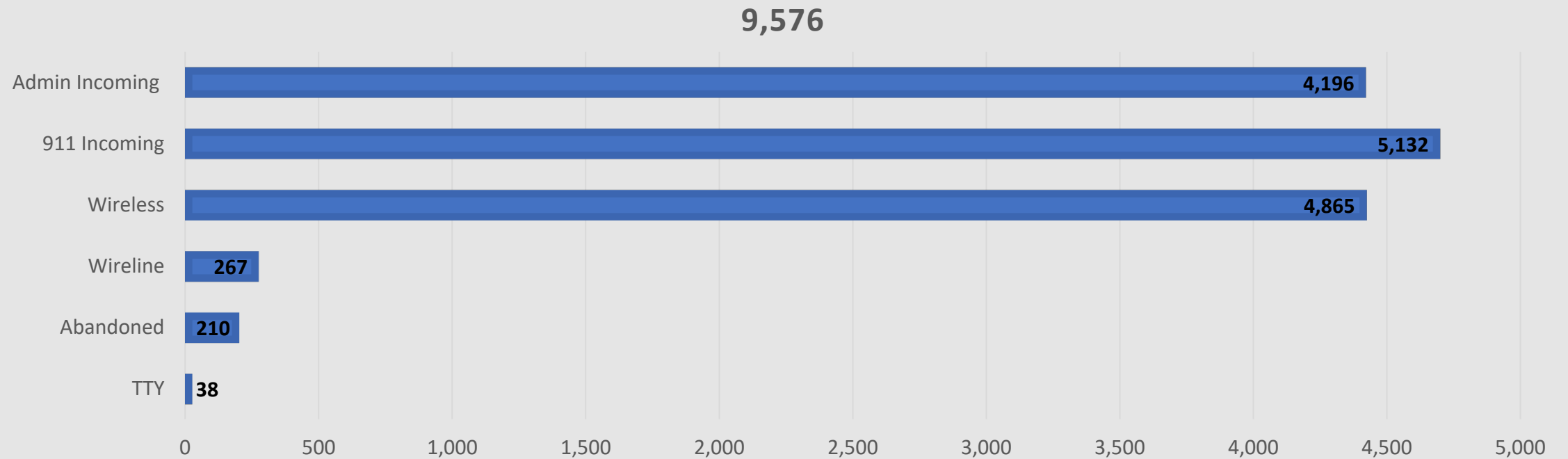
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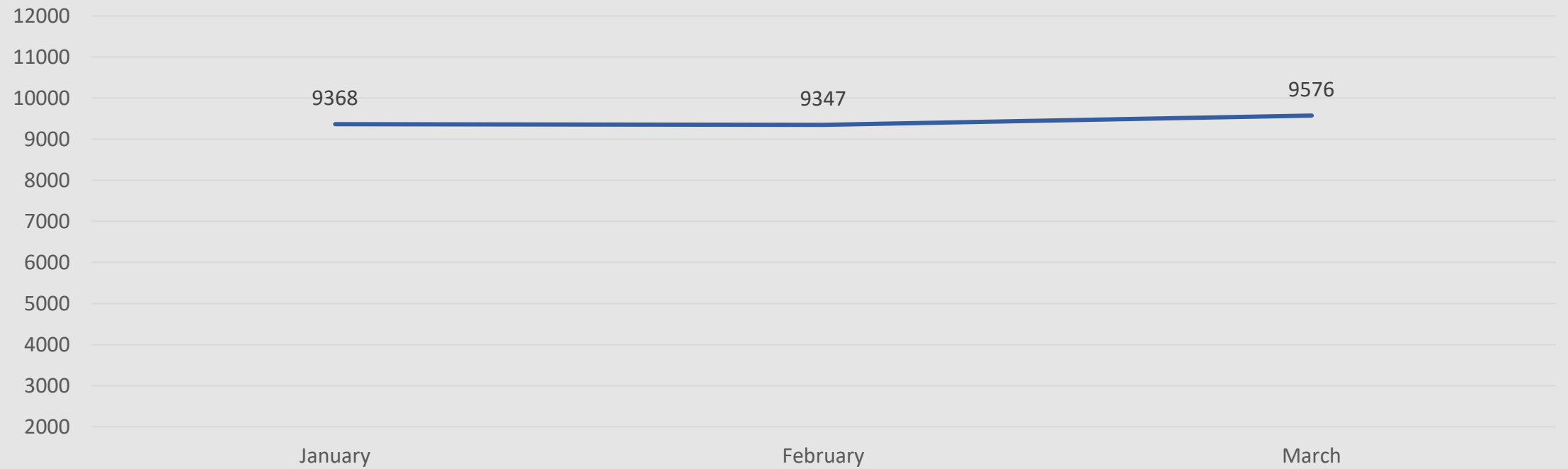
March 2023 Report



# March 2023 Incoming Calls to the Emergency Communications Center (911)

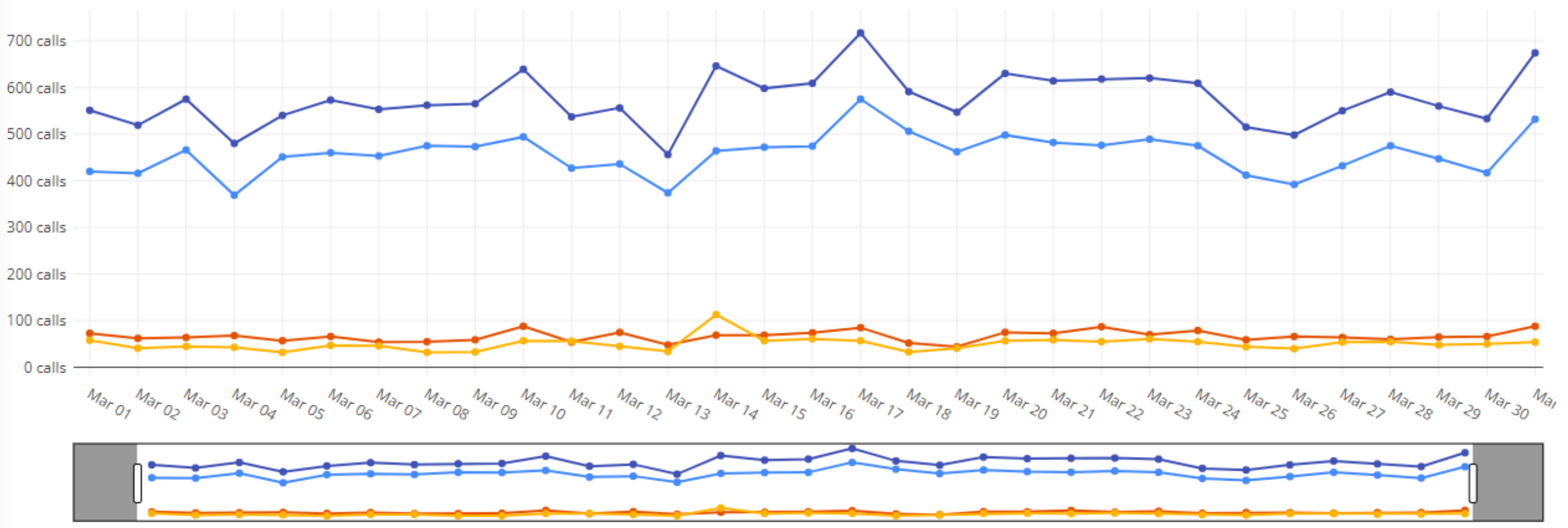


# Incoming Calls by Month 2023

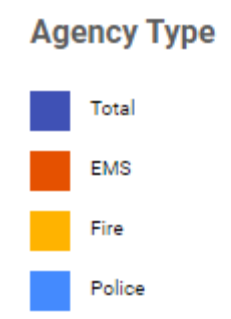


# Note:

- These do not include calls directly to the City of Kingston Police Department or the Town of Saugerties Police Department.
- All Fire Department Calls come through the Ulster County Public Safety Answering Point (911).
- All Emergency Medical Services Calls come through the Ulster County Public Safety Answering Point (911).
- These numbers include calls that were direct to Police Agencies within Ulster County that still have local dispatch capabilities (except bullet one).

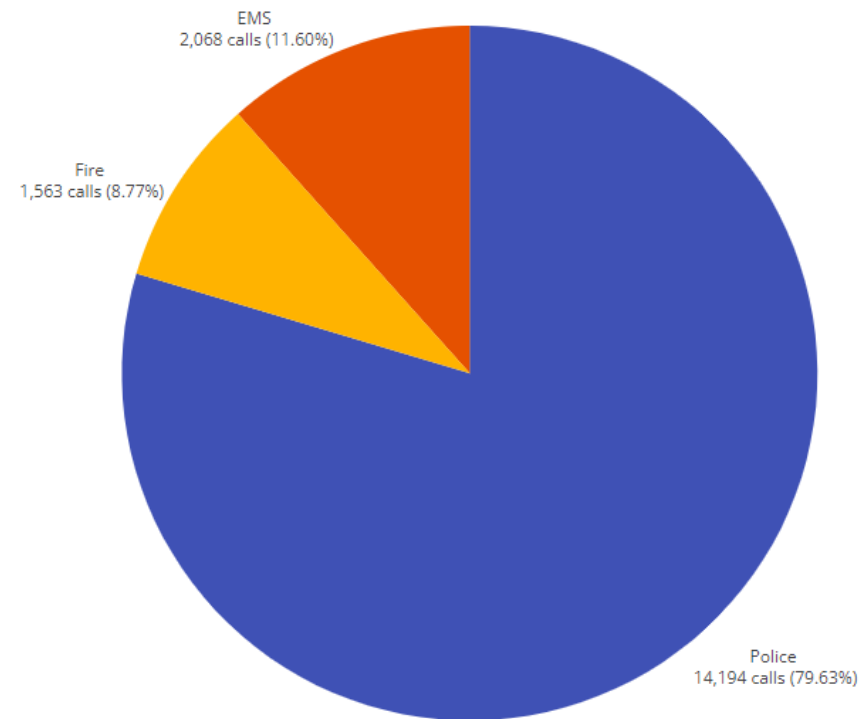


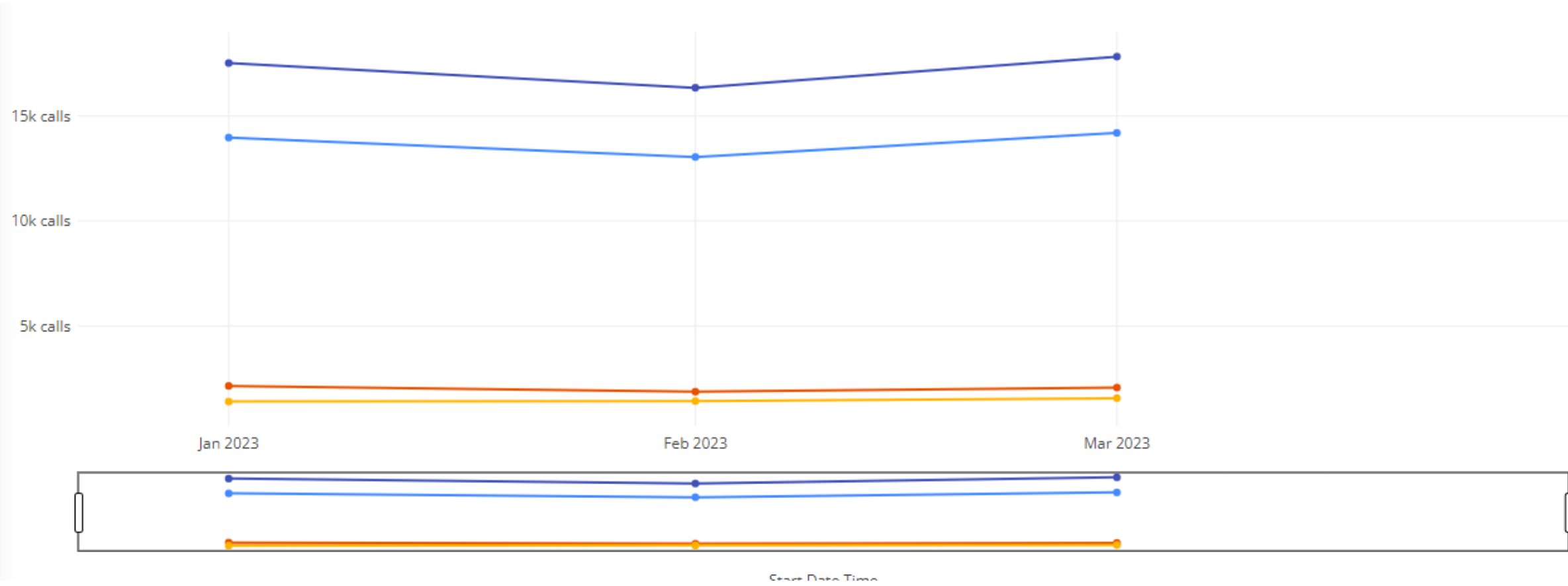
Calls in March 2023 – Total Calls 17,825



# Monthly Calls By Agency Type

March 2023

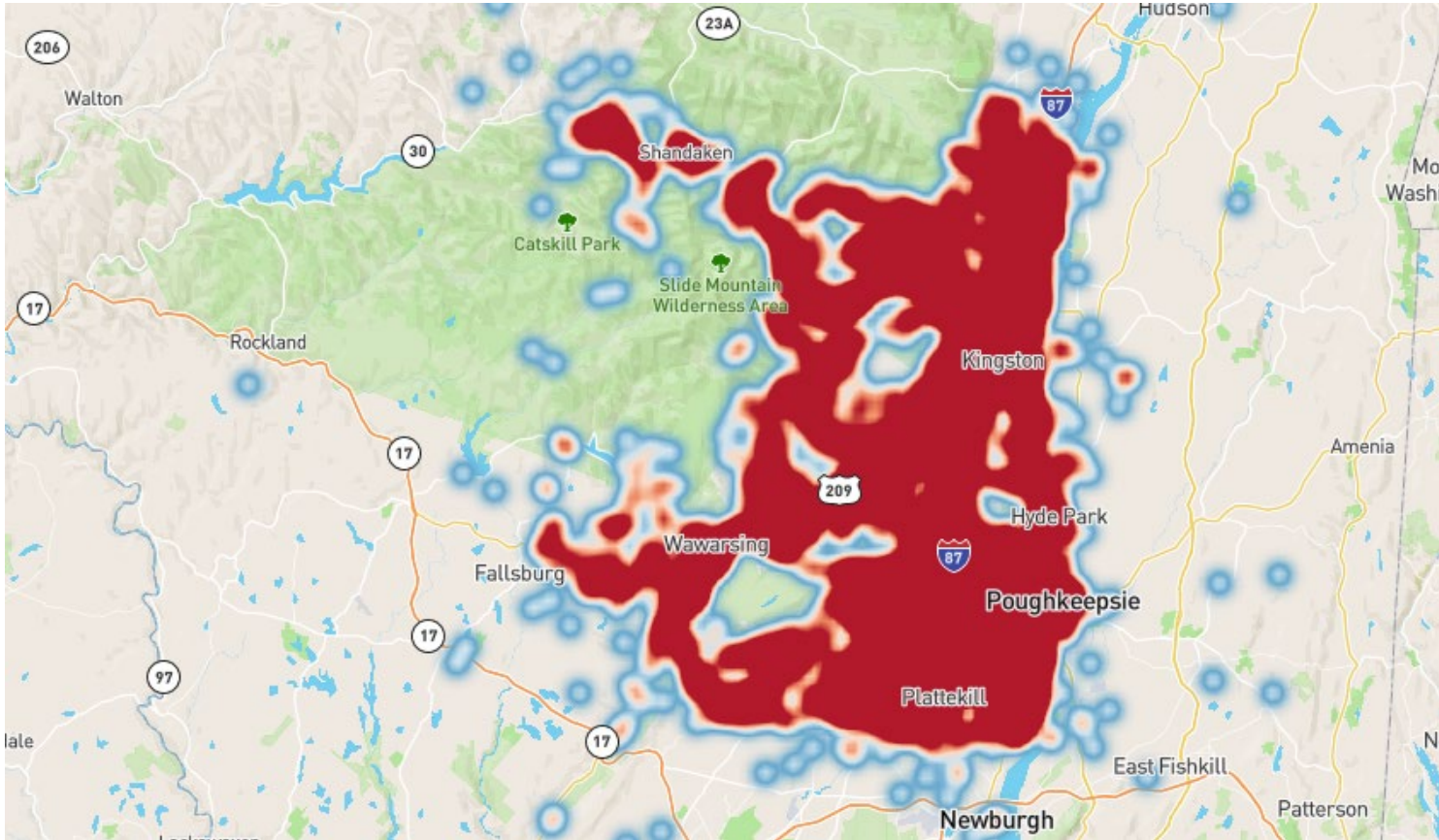




2023 Calls to Date – Total Calls 51,688

Agency Type

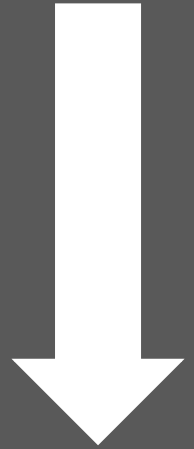
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- EMS
- Fire
- Police

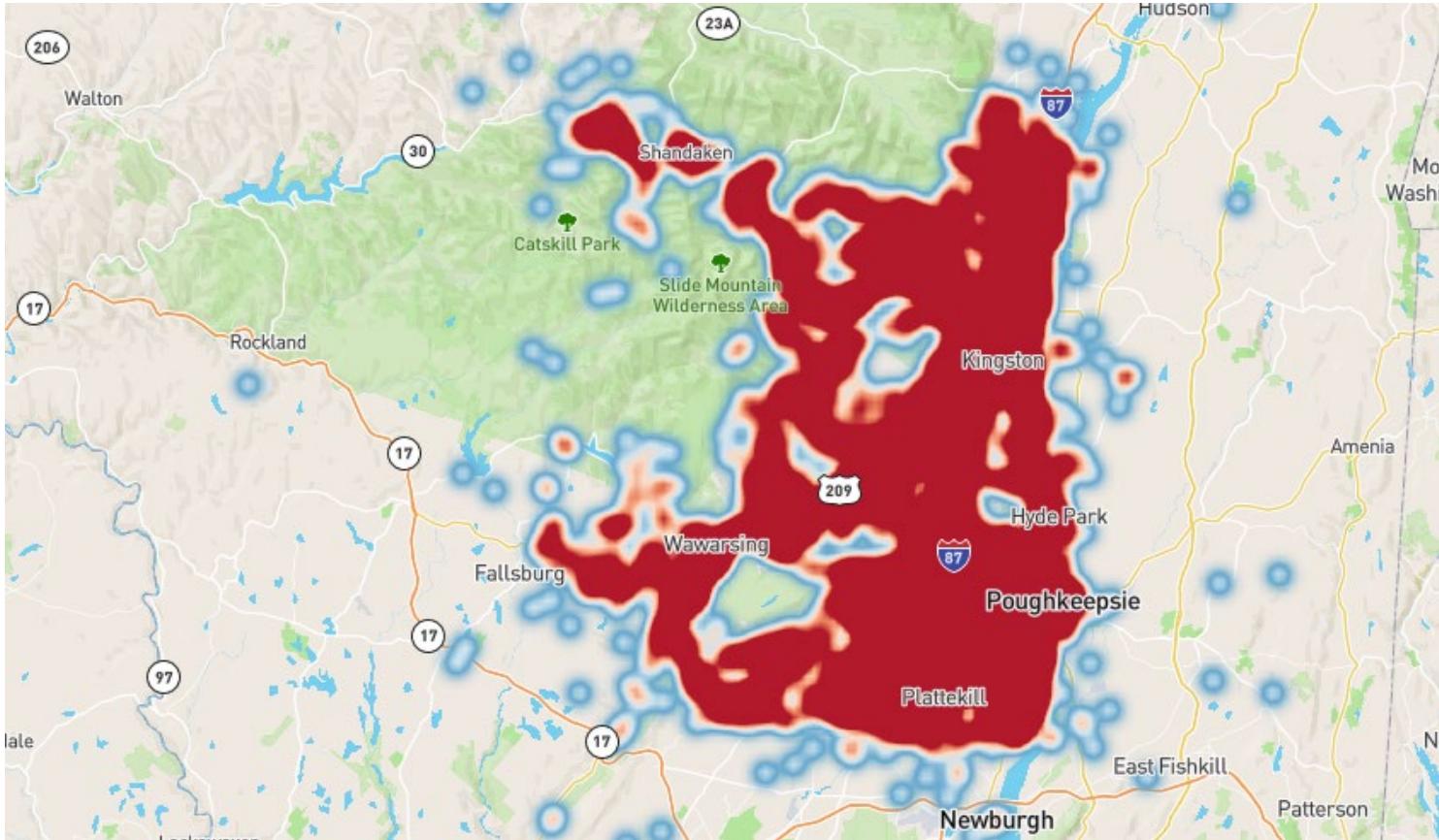


Call Volume Compared to  
Same Time Last Year

March 2023  
Compared to  
March 2022

- 3.73%





Call Volume Compared to  
Prior Month

March 2023  
Compared to  
February 2023

+ 9.07%





# EMS

- UAC = Unable to Assemble a Crew
- Home Jurisdiction = They are the transporting agency for the area.

Agency Name	ORI	March 2023			March 2023 Home Jurisdiction		
		Total Calls	UAC	% UAC	Total Calls	UAC	% UAC
Ambulnz	0407	108	24	22.22%	78	2	2.56%
MLSS	3540	1033	181	17.52%	681	8	1.17%
Diaz	5514	230	4	1.74%	228	4	1.75%
Ellenville	5515	129	8	6.20%	118	6	5.08%
Kerhonkson-Accord	5516	63	0	0.00%	52	0	0.00%
Marbletown	5517	45	0	0.00%	40	0	0.00%
Modena	5518	35	6	17.14%	23	5	21.74%
Olive	5519	31	0	0.00%	29	0	0.00%
Plattekill	5520	62	17	27.42%	56	17	30.36%
Shandaken	5521	41	0	0.00%	41	0	0.00%
Shawangunk Valley	5522	23	6	26.09%	11	1	9.09%
Wallkill	5524	46	5	10.87%	42	5	11.90%
West Hurley	5525	31	4	12.90%	29	4	13.79%
New Paltz	5526	262	11	4.20%	194	3	1.55%
Gardiner	5528	53	16	30.19%	46	15	32.61%
Woodstock	5529	86	1	1.16%	77	1	1.30%
Hurley	5532	22	3	13.64%	22	3	13.64%
Esopus	5533	93	12	12.90%	88	11	12.50%
Pine Bush	PBAM	17	12	70.59%	17	12	70.59%
Key		Green - < 5%	Yellow - 5-10%	Red - > 10%			