



Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

March 9, 2023

Week In Review



"During our public hearing on the long-term care ombudsman program, I had the opportunity to speak to AARP regarding senior care facilities. As a member of the aging committee, I'm committed to working with this administration in furthering progress for our seniors."



"Happy to have joined the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Indoor Track and Field Championships at Ocean Breeze with NYC Parks Commissioner Sue Donoghue and Councilman David

Carr"



"Met with McKee High School Alumni Association. Proud of the

tremendous job they do in ensuring students achieve academic success. Thank you for your hard work & commitment to our students"



"Honored to have attended the inauguration ceremonies of Assemblyman John Zaccaro and Assemblyman Tony Simone this past week. Two dedicated public servants and champions for their districts. Proud to call them close friends and colleagues."



"Happy to have stopped by the NYPD 1st Precinct. Looking forward to working with Captain Smith and the entire department to ensure the safety of our residents in lower Manhattan."



"It was a pleasure stopping by Stuyvesant High School this past week to speak to students about the importance of getting civically engaged. My commitment to them and all students is to ensure that they have opportunities to learn, grow & thrive."



"Passed by Port Richmond High School earlier this week with my team. Happy to see there is progress being made to the athletic complex. Special thanks to Principal Greenfield & Kevin Moran for their leadership in helping push this project forward."



"Spoke with I.S. 51 Principal Nicholas Mele this week and I was happy to see the conflict resolution programs they have in place for our students. Thankful for his effective leadership and all he does to make sure our students excel."



"Time well spent at the West Brighton Senior Center checking in on our neighbors to hear address their needs and concerns."



"It was an honor for my colleagues and I to welcome Luke Nasta, President & CEO of Camelot and Jacqueline Filis, the Executive Director of the YMCA Counseling Service of Greater NY to the Assembly floor."



"Happy to meet with the Police Benevolent of New York State this afternoon in Albany. I fully support their pension parity to be included in the Assembly one-house New York State budget proposal."

Governor Hochul Announces Decreases in Gun Violence in Rochester & Highlights FY 2024 Executive Budget Proposals to Further Drive Down Crime & Protect New Yorkers

New York City and communities participating in the State's Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) initiative also reported the fewest shooting incidents with injury last month since the first half of 2020. The 20 police departments participating in GIVE, including Rochester, reported 50 shooting incidents with injury in January 2023, the fewest since March 2020, while New York City reported 73 incidents, the fewest since May 2020. Law enforcement agencies across the state seized 10,093 guns last year, an 11 percent increase from 2021, during which 9,088 guns were seized. Gun seizures by the New York State Police also increased 171 percent compared to prepandemic levels: 1,429 in 2022 compared to 528 seizures in 2019. State Police also seized 120 ghost guns in 2022, which is 85 percent more than in 2021.

Governor Hochul outlined the progress made in the fight against gun violence and violent crime since she convened local, state and federal stakeholders last summer. The Governor met with key stakeholders, including Rochester Mayor Malik Evans, Monroe County Executive Adam Bello, Monroe County Sheriff Todd Baxter, Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley and several other federal, state and local law enforcement leaders, today to discuss further collaboration and cooperation to sustain that progress and reduce the number of individuals injured and killed by gun violence.

The Governor shared the local impact of public safety investments proposed in the FY 2024 Executive Budget that will help build a safer and stronger community in the City of Rochester and Monroe County. Specifically, more than \$20 million will be committed to local law enforcement and community partners in the area to help keep New Yorkers safe and ensure swift and fair justice. This commitment reflects a tripling of state support for local public safety efforts in the area since 2020, an increase of \$14 million through the last two years from an initial \$6 million. This funding will be allocated to participating agencies and organizations within the State's GIVE initiative, regional crime analysis center, aid to prosecution and discovery, SNUG street outreach program, alternatives to incarceration and pretrial services providers, and county re-entry task force.

These direct investments in Rochester and other local communities will help to drive down crime and break the vicious cycle of recidivism that prevents many New Yorker's from getting the second chance they deserve.

Governor Kathy Hochul

In addition to assisting law enforcement efforts, these services play an important role in identifying and helping individuals at risk of being involved in the criminal justice system and improving public safety by connecting them to programs, including substance use and mental health services, social work and case management, and job training and employment opportunities. Funding notices and specific award amounts will follow enactment of the budget. The Governor also made the case for her legislative proposal in the Executive Budget to remove the language in the State's bail laws requiring judges to apply the "least restrictive" means when deciding whether an individual arrested for a serious crime should be released or supervised before their trial. Last week, more than 100 community leaders and elected officials signed a letter in support of these changes.

At today's event, Governor Hochul announced \$2 million is being awarded <u>through Project RISE</u>, administered by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, to be shared equally among Coordinated Care Services, Community Resource Collaborative, the Ibero-American Action League, and Villa of Hope. Each of those awarded organizations will use a minimum of 25 percent of its grant to support grassroots organizations. A total of 12 organizations will receive funding through that grassroots subaward and technical support: Beyond the Sanctuary, A Horses Friend, 9th Floor Art Collective, Operation Go, the Re-entry and Community Development Center, Rise Up Rochester, ROCovery Fitness, Roc the Peace, Saving AJ, Tribe Seven, Ubuntu Community Village,

and Untrapped Ministries. Project RISE works through local steering committees that develop a comprehensive plan for funding that addresses the unique needs of their neighborhoods with the goal of building the community's capacity to implement and sustain programming to address the underlying factors contributing to violence in their community; and uses a healing and equity lens to improve responses to violence. In addition to Rochester, Project RISE funding will benefit Albany, Buffalo, Mount Vernon, Newburgh, Syracuse and Yonkers.

Finally, Empire State Development Corporation is delivering a \$112,000 grant to allow the Boys and Girls Club to upgrade its Teen Center with modern lighting, lounge spaces with updated, soothing colors and improved technology. The Center provides critical support and services, including workforce development training, to teens ranging in age from 13 to 19.

Division of Criminal Justice Services Commissioner Rossana Rosado said, "Too many New Yorkers have been lost to senseless gun violence. At DCJS, we are committed to putting comprehensive programs, like GIVE and Project RISE, in place to help build safer and stronger communities throughout our state. We are indebted to Governor Kathy Hochul for 'doubling down' on public safety investments and initiatives to protect New Yorkers and end the scourge of violence."

State Senator Jeremy Cooney said, "This is a moment for leadership, and I want to thank our Governor and our community partners who are committed to having the tough conversations necessary to make Rochester safe for all families, and all neighborhoods. While there is no perfect solution, we're listening to the community's plea to do something. And I believe this is a start. We will build a safer, better Rochester."

Rochester Mayor Malik D. Evans said, "There is not a governor in America who is more committed to public safety than Governor Kathy Hochul. Whether it's through common-sense gun laws, unprecedented investments in children and families or advancing the pace of crime-fighting technologies, the governor's resolve to end violent crime and bring peace to our communities has been determined, decisive and resourceful at every turn. I am grateful for Kathy Hochul's support on this critical issue, which is helping us create a safe, equitable and prosperous Rochester."

Happy Holi

Chag Purim Sameach



The Festival of Colors - Wishing all who celebrate a happy and safe Holi!

Happy International Women's Day



To all the incredible women who make the world a better place, Happy International Women's Day.



Chag Purim Sameach! We celebrate the strength, resilience and determination shown by our Jewish brothers and sisters. Happy Purim to those celebrating

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