



TOWN OF AMHERST RECEIVES \$500,000 FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Federal Funding Approved in Historic Omnibus

(AMHERST, NY) – United States Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand have secured a \$500,000 grant for the Town of Amherst’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The Department of Homeland Security funding was approved recently as part of the historic omnibus legislation and will be used to finalize much-needed improvements at the Town’s facility.

“This multi-functional facility will help ensure the preparedness of law enforcement and emergency personnel at every level across Western New York,” said Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer. “Thanks to the foresight of Supervisor Brian Kulpa and Amherst’s leadership, this facility represents a new era for the community and I am proud to have delivered this funding in my first omnibus bill as Majority Leader.”

“Staff at the Amherst Emergency Operations Center work tirelessly to keep Amherst residents safe. I’m proud to have fought to secure this critical investment in emergency communications upgrades and emergency training and I’ll keep working to make sure New York’s first responders have what they need to serve their communities,” said Senator Kirsten Gillibrand.

“We are grateful to Senator Schumer and Gillibrand for their support of this critical project. With this funding we can greatly improve how we respond to emergencies at a local and regional level by expanding the capabilities of the EOC. This space is heavily utilized by local, state and federal agencies for various training needs and by creating a fully functional EOC we ensure that emergency personnel are equipped to serve our community’s needs,” said Town of Amherst Supervisor Brian Kulpa.

“We are thrilled that Senators Schumer and Gillibrand have committed to supporting our state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and training facility. The EOC gives us a place to centrally locate our command and control operations to be able to respond as efficiently as possible to critical incidents of all types. Additionally, it gives us the opportunity to provide a training space where Amherst Police officers, along with our federal, state, and local partners from throughout the region, can increase their knowledge, skills, and abilities as we all work to serve the public as professionally and effectively as possible,” said Town of Amherst Police Chief Scott P. Chamberlin.

The EOC is located within the 50,000-square-foot Community Policing and Training Center at 4220 Bailey Avenue in Amherst. The funding will be used for critical communications upgrades that support 911 and dispatch response. A portion of the funding will be used to improve and expand the restrooms, and add kitchen space. All of these pieces combined create a fully functional EOC. This will allow for the facility to hold larger community and training events.