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# WEEKLY BULLETIN

**December 21, 2018**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CPCA Headquarters will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24, 25 and 26<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Holiday.**



**Pam and Marcia would like to wish all the departments  
Happy Holidays.**

**There will not be a Bulletin next week for Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>.**

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## **FUTURE CPCA TESTING DATES**

December 28, 2018 - South Windsor, CT – Entry Level, Certified, Dispatcher

January 26, 2019 - Farmington, CT – Entry Level, Certified, Dispatcher

February 23, 2019 - Middletown, CT – Entry Level, Certified, Dispatcher

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### ***Important Save the Dates –***

**April 18, 2019 – CPCA 2019 Public Safety EXPO, Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville, CT**

**May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> – Executive Training, Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, CT**

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## **Panasonic FirstNet Technology Truck**

143 participants took the time to walk through the truck at \$25.00 each for Officer Wellness.

The following is a listing of the raffle drawing winners:

Drone Raffle Prize - Chief Paul Satkowski, Seymour P.D.

\$300 AMEX Gift Card - Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Jr., Groton Town P.D.

\$500 AMEX Gift Card - Captain Thomas Conlon, Wilton P.D.

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## **Domestic Violence Training Webinar**

Good Afternoon State and Territorial Coalitions,

Happy Holidays and Seasons Greetings! The Office on Violence Against Women invite all State and Territorial Coalitions to join the Enforcement and Implementation of Firearm Prohibitions webinar hosted in partnership with the National Domestic Violence and Firearms Resource Center.

This is an informational webinar intended to give the audience an overview of the project, including the newly re-launched website, Safer Families, Safer Communities. Other topics include the reasons for enforcement of firearms restrictions in domestic violence cases, as well as outlining how the Center can provide assistance in implementing enforcement protocols in your community.

Launched in 2016, the Safer Families, Safer Communities website is the first of its kind, providing accurate, current information on topics relating to the intersection of domestic violence and gun violence. The website was recently re-launched, having undergone extensive renovation which provides improved accessibility to the user and expanded resources. These include newsletters, archived and new webinars, sample forms, legal articles, research articles, legal research, and spotlighted communities. In addition, Safer Families, Safer Communities website will offer Crisis Response in the aftermath of a gun tragedy and in preparation for the unforeseen event.

Even if you have used the website already or have received technical assistance from the Center, this webinar should prove informative as the Center expands its impact on this timely subject.

The webinar will be hosted in lieu of our regularly scheduled monthly OVW/Coalition webinars – **Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 5-6 EST.** Please see **Registration link listed below.**

**Presenters:**

Dave Keck, Director, National Domestic Violence and Firearms Resource Center

Kristine Lizdas, Legal Policy Director, Battered Women’s Justice Project

**Registration:**

<https://bwjp.adobeconnect.com/e0p4loigpp8v/event/registration.html>

Please contact your OVW Program Manager if you have any questions.

Best,

Kevin Sweeney

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# Go Big or Go Home: Shared Services Will Be Disruptive

by Kevin Maloney | Dec 19, 2018 3:40 pm

If Gov.-Elect Ned Lamont listens to even half of what his transition team’s Shared Services Committee, then the towns and cities of Connecticut may be in for major changes in the way things are currently run. But that doesn’t mean an end to the spirit or individualism of the municipalities that make Connecticut great.

On the latest edition of Connecticut Conference of Municipalities’ (CCM) “The Municipal Voice” on WNHH FM, John Filchak, executive director of the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG), and Brendan Sharkey, former speaker of the Connecticut House of Representatives, talked about their big ideas as part of the Governor-Elect’s transition committees. (CCM Executive Director Joe DeLong was also a member of the Shared Service Committee.)

Fresh from giving their proposal, Sharkey and Filchak were ready to make some dramatic claims about how Connecticut can implement the kind of changes that are necessitated by these times. Sharkey illustrated that point well when he said that “the term that we used in our committee was ‘disruptive.’”

“I think the charge of the group in the Lamont transition is to reimagine local services on the municipal and board of [education] side,” he continued. Many of the shared services that the state already enjoys, thanks in part due to COGs like NECCOG, have not traditionally been

supported from the top: The state has not really been supported; it's not structured to be supportive of these kinds of things.”

A Regional Council of Government, or COG, works somewhat like the way a county does and have traditionally been supportive of these measures, initiating projects like NECCOG's Animal Service Program, which includes towns outside of the COG.

The most important distinction between a COG and a county, though, is that the leaders of the COG are the chief elected officials of the member towns. As Filchak notes early on in the episode, the “people most responsible locally are the people around the table making decisions.”

This makes a difference in a state where some of the town charters go back before there was even a country called the United States of America.

The rigid individualism of towns and cities has deep historical roots. “They're responsible for their respective communities,” as Filchak said, “so if they want to do something regional, they're accountable back to towns.”

If the governor were to get behind the committee's reports, that will help towns make sense of shared services.

So will common sense. As Sharkey noted, a state like California is run with 10 emergency call centers, while Connecticut has over 100.

The proposal that the Shared Service Transition Committee has plans to be “disruptive” if instituted to the extent that Sharkey and Filchak have proposed on this episode of “The Municipal Voice.” But the payoff doesn't have to mean exchanging a town's identity or sense of history; it could mean increased efficiency among neighboring towns, better services, and savings.

In order to do that, it will be a complete reimagining of the way The Land of Steady Habits works.

*“The Municipal Voice” airs every other Wednesday, the next episode airs on Jan. 2. Listen to the latest episode by clicking on the video above in this story.*

