



# Onondaga County Legislature

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## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES – MARCH 15, 2022 MARK A. OLSON, CHAIRMAN

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Knapp, Mr. Garland, Mr. Ryan

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. McBride

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Ms. Kuhn, (see also attached)

Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. *A motion was made by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Garland to waive the reading of the previous committee meeting. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.* *A motion was made by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Garland, to approve the minutes of the previous committee meeting. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.*

### 1. **INFORMATIONAL**: OG's Against Violence, Inc. - Violence Interrupter's Training Program

*OG's Against Violence packet is on file with the clerk.*

The OGs Violence Interruption Training Program is based on the method developed by Cliff Ryan. He has been successful over the years in stopping countless violent encounters from escalating into tragedy in the City of Syracuse. The OGs program includes the most important aspects and techniques that have been used by other Violence Interruption programs nationally and internationally; however, since the OGs program was developed based on Mr. Ryan's years of experiences living in Syracuse, it takes the Best Practices that have been tried and true and applies them to our city's unique environment.

Successful Violence Interruption programs all have the following in common:

- They recruit Credible Messengers to be the Violence Interrupters
- They are part of a network of social support working together including mentoring
- They help the community by preventing the need for law enforcement
- They train the Credible Messengers on Conflict Resolution and Informed Trauma Response
- They work to normalize non-violence

The OGs Violence Interruption program therefore, will closely resemble the following similar Evidence-Based Violence Interruption Programs:

Cure Violence (International)  
<https://cvg.org/>

Safe Streets (Catholic Charities of Baltimore)  
<http://health.baltimorecity.gov/sites/default/files/Safe%20Streets%20Overview.pdf>

Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. (YAP) (National)  
<https://www.yapinc.org/Portals/0/Docs/VI%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

Note that the OGs Violence Interruption Training program is a basic course designed to prepare community members to do the work safely, but more programming will need to be added in the future to be fully effective, such as continued education, counseling needs for the Violence Interrupters, adding an administrative team, etc.

**Proposed Budget for Violence Interrupter Training Program**

**Immediate Funding Requirements**

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Hourly</b>	<b>Total</b>
Instructor	\$120/hr	\$3,000.00 x 3
Guest Lecturers x 3	\$120/hr	\$2,160.00 x 3
Interrupters		
6 per night 6 days per week for 1 Year	\$25/hr	\$172,800.00
Class Materials		\$1,200.00 x 3
Equipment	\$100/Per VI x 15	\$1,500.00
Immediate Violence Emergency Funds		\$6,620.00
Vehicle (Transportation for VI)		\$25,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$225,000.00</b>

*A motion was made by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Garland, to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



DEBBIE KAMINSKI, Assistant Clerk  
Onondaga County Legislature

**ATTENDANCE**

**COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**DATE: MARCH 15, 2022**

NAME (Please Print)	DEPARTMENT/AGENCY
Dan Mulyihill	Financial Operations
David Babcock	County Public Safety Committee
Clifford Ryan	County Leg Committee meeting
Teneshia Murphy	CE Office
Anne Loughlin	Comptrollers Office
Kate Felke	Law Dept (Security)
Darcie Lesniak	Leg