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## **Ulster Regional Gang Enforcement Narcotics Team (URGENT)**

Ulster County Legislature's Chairman David B. Donaldson along with Ulster County Sheriff Van Blarcum, jointly announces the formation of an Ulster Regional Gang Enforcement Narcotics Team (URGENT) task force. The forming of this task force is a great development for Ulster County Law Enforcement. Within our cities nationwide, gangs and narcotics are a threat to our quality of life and overall safety of our communities.

Chairman Donaldson believes that a task force effort of all agencies combating the same problem is the most efficient way to attack a problem. Gang violence and narcotics have been fought on many fronts within Ulster County but never battled in a comprehensive, coordinated manner the way this team will address the issues.

The combination of efforts from the Federal, State, County and local levels has not been fully realized by the residents of Ulster County dealing with these problems. Chairman Donaldson is pleased that Sheriff Van Blarcum is able to provide the space and technology for this unit to operate and is making the new Ulster County Law Enforcement Center the hub for concentrated law enforcement efforts.

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“On behalf of the Citizens of Ulster County and my colleagues, I wish to thank the Ulster County Sheriff’s Office Criminal and Corrections Divisions, the Ulster County Probation Department, the Ulster County District Attorney’s Office, the City of Kingston Police Department, the Town of Ulster Police Department, the Town of Woodstock police Department, the Town of New Paltz Police Department, the Village of Ellenville Police Department, New York State Parole, New York State Police, the DEA, the ATF and the FBI for all coming together for a safer Ulster County”, said Chairman Donaldson.