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### **HCPO PROVIDES TRAINING ON MAPPING SOFTWARE TO ENHANCE SECURITY**

Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, announced the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office will be providing training to law enforcement officers on a new structural mapping software which will be used to enhance security at Hunterdon County schools and buildings. The train the trainer course is scheduled for January 31, 2019, at the Route 12 complex in Flemington.

Prosecutor Kearns stated, "This is a joint effort by the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, local law enforcement, school administrators, and the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office to enhance response time and improve command and control during critical incidents. This new technology is beginning to be used in facilities across the country, ranging from elementary schools and colleges campuses, to government buildings and airports."

The digital structure mapping software, provided by Collaborative Response Graphic (CRG), is used by law enforcement officers, fire departments, and other emergency responders to coordinate emergency response both outside and inside a building. The graphics combine aerial imagery, building floor plans, and critical features into a geospatially accurate, gridded smart graphic. These graphics will allow first responders from different agencies that have never been to the location to communicate using a common language and common operating picture. The plans are then made available to first responders through a secure, web based app on their smart phones or mobile device. This app will let the first responders visualize their location on the actual floor plan, and allow incident commanders to better coordinate the scene because assets can be tracked in real time.

Prosecutor Kearns added, "We have been working with our school superintendents and to date all five high schools and a majority of middle and elementary schools have been mapped out and are being integrated into the program. Our hope is that we will have one hundred percent compliance of all schools in Hunterdon County. It is imperative that we give law enforcement and first responders the tools necessary to keep our children and community safe."

Freeholder Board Deputy Director John E. Lanza, the Board's Public Safety liaison, said, "The fact that all of the County's high schools are now participating with the mapping technology demonstrates that our school boards and superintendents place the same importance on the program as the Freeholders. I applaud the Prosecutor's Office for moving forward in ensuring our law enforcement community is trained as expeditiously as possible in the use of the technology."

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