Governor Announces the “New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative”
June 12, 2020

This morning Governor Cuomo announced he will be issuing an Executive Order requiring local police agencies -- in conjunction with the chief executive officer of the local government and with input from stakeholders -- to engage in a public and open process to develop a plan that will promote policing that provides for equal treatment and protection of civil rights for all. Such plan would need to address the following:

- the use of force by police officers;
- crowd management;
- community policing;
- implicit bias awareness training;
- de-escalation training and practices;
- community-based outreach; and
- a transparent citizen complaint disposition procedure.

The local governing body must adopt the plan by local law or resolution no later than April 1, 2021 in order for the police agency to be eligible for future state funding.

May Sales Tax Numbers Are In

The New York State Comptroller released his report on local sales tax collections for May 2020, which were down 32.3% compared to the same period last year. The report indicates that over the three-month period of the pandemic’s effects, local governments have received $824 million (19.2%) less in sales tax revenue than they did during that same period in 2019. NYCOM continues to fight for direct federal funding to help offset this and other local revenues lost due to COVID-19.