

SUSPENSION



COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 13, 2015

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, Fourth Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Transfer of Funds for Wireless Devices for Department of Emergency Services and Office of the Sheriff**

Dear Honorable Members:

The Department of Emergency Services and the Office of the Sheriff have contacted the Division of Information and Support Services and indicated a need to utilize newer telephonic devices for emergency responders and law enforcement officials working in the field. In order to facilitate these requests, budgetary transfers are necessary to provide a source of funds for the purchase of approximately 20 new wireless phones to replace older devices.

Accordingly, legislative authorization is requested to facilitate these budgetary actions.

If your Honorable Body requires further information or has any questions, please contact Director of Central Data Processing Lori Stilwell. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Division of Information and Support Services  
**Re:** Transfer of Funds for Wireless Devices for Department of Emergency Services and Office of the Sheriff  
**Date:** April 13, 2015

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### **SUMMARY**

The Department of Emergency Services and the Office of the Sheriff have contacted the Division of Information and Support Services and indicated a need to utilize newer telephonic devices for emergency responders and law enforcement officials working in the field. In order to facilitate these requests, budgetary transfers are necessary to provide a source of funds for the purchase of approximately 20 new wireless phones to replace older devices.

Accordingly, legislative authorization is requested to facilitate these budgetary actions.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Funds for the purchase of the telephonic devices for the Department of Emergency Services are available from a homeland security grant, HS167SHSP1416 in account 561410. Funds for the devices for the Office of Sheriff are available in the adopted 2015 Budget of the Office of Sheriff in maintenance and repair account 506200.

The funds will be transferred from both departments to the Division of Information and Support Services' (DISS) utility charges account 515000.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

At present, the Erie County Sheriff's Office uses cellular phones with Mi-Fi devices for some deputies and staff in the field. These systems are old and outdated; replacing these systems which cost \$56/month per phone with new 4G Android devices will also cost \$56, but will eliminate two devices with officers with one device. The ECSO will purchase fourteen (14) new devices.

The Department of Emergency Services seeks to purchase six (6) new iPhone 6 devices for use in the field for first responders, replacing older devices.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The telephones will not be purchased and first responders and law enforcement officers will continue to use outdated telephonic devices.

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## **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Division of Budget and Management will transfer the funds and DISS will purchase the devices for use by the Department of Emergency Services and Office of the Sheriff.

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## **A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

**RE: Transfer of Funds for Wireless Devices for Department of Emergency Services and Office of the Sheriff**

WHEREAS, the Division of Information and Support Services manages cellular devices for Erie County; and

WHEREAS, cellular devices are vital to the operations of many departments in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, when budgeting for cellular devices, estimates are used to predict potential growth and requests for new cellular devices has increased beyond what was anticipated at budget planning; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Emergency Services and Office of the Sheriff have requested new wireless telephonic devices be purchased for their departments' use in 2015 and both departments have funds available in their budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the transfer of \$1,794 in funds from the Department of Emergency Services, grant HS167SHSP1416, fund 281, fund center 16700, account 561410, lab and technical equipment to the Division of Information and Support Services, fund 110, fund center 105, account 515000, utility charges to facilitate the purchase of six new wireless devices; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the transfer of \$6,272 in funds from the Erie County Sheriff's Office, fund 110, fund center 115, account 506200, maintenance and repair to the Division of Information and Support Services, fund 110, fund center 105, account 515000, utility charges to facilitate the purchase of fourteen new wireless devices; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Division of Information and Support Services, the Department of Emergency Services and the Office of the Sheriff.