

May 3, 2011

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 7

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATORS MILLS & KOZUB.  
CHAIR MILLER-WILLIAMS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. INTRO 16-4 (2010)  
**WHYTE, GRANT, LOUGHRAN, MARINELLI, MAZUR & KOZUB:** “Re-Establish an EC Community Corrections Advisory Board”  
(4-0)
  - b. COMM. 8D-2 (2011)  
**COMPTROLLER’S OFFICE:** “Copy of Letter Concerning Waste, Fraud & Abuse Tip Line Communication”  
(4-0)
  - c. COMM. 8M-14 (2011)  
**BLACK LEADERSHIP FORUM:** “Letter of Interest in Serving as a Member of the EC Community Corrections Advisory Board”  
(4-0)
  - d. COMM. 9D-3 (2011)  
**SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT:** “Copy of Letter to Deputy Comptroller Regarding Electronic Communications Being Made Available to the Inmates & Their Families at the EC Holding Center”  
(4-0)
2. COMM. 9E-6 (2011)  
**SHERIFF**  
WHEREAS, Deputy Burdzy’s K-9 partner Drago was purchased in the year 2000 with seized asset funds and was trained in drug detection with Deputy Burdzy as his only handler exclusively since that date; and

WHEREAS, Drago is now eleven (11) years old and is no longer able to carry out the duties of a police agency K-9 and in fact has not been able to perform the function for an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, Deputy O’Connor’s partner Nina was purchased in the year 2003 with seized asset funds and was trained in drug detection with Deputy O’Connor as her handler exclusively since that date; and

WHEREAS, she is now eight (8) years old and given the extended length of time that Nina has been assigned to one handler it would not be possible to reassign her to another handler, therefore ending her ability to function as a drug detection K-9; and

WHEREAS, Correction Officer Priester’s partner Tina was purchased in the year 2003 with seized asset funds and was trained in drug detection with Officer Priester as her handler exclusively since that date; and

WHEREAS, she is now eight (8) years old and given the extended length of time that Tina has been assigned to one handler it would not be possible to reassign her to another handler, therefore ending her ability to function as a drug detection K-9; and

WHEREAS, Deputies Burdzy and O’Connor and Correction Officer Scott Priester have agreed to sign agreements to assume full responsibility for said dogs and to hold the County of Erie/Erie County Sheriff’s Office harmless against any and all liability; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office conferred with the Comptroller’s Office and the County Attorney to determine that by Legislative Resolution the transfer of ownership could occur.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that at the time of the K-9’s retirement, their long time handlers will be allowed to retain possession of their K-9 partners, Drago, Nina and Tina; and be it further.

RESOLVED, that the Office of the Sheriff is hereby authorized to enter into purchase agreements with Deputy Burdzy, Deputy O’Connor and Correction Officer Priester for the consideration of one (1) dollar for the transfer of ownership of Drago, Nina, and Tina respectively. Deputy Burdzy, Deputy O’Connor and Correction Officer Priester shall assume full responsibility for the dogs under any such agreement and shall further hold the County of Erie and Erie County Sheriff’s Office harmless against any and all liability; and be it further.

RESOLVED, that certified copies be forwarded to the Erie County Comptroller, the County Attorney and the Office of the Sheriff for implementation.  
(4-0)

3. COMM. 9E-7 (2011)

**SHERIFF**

WHEREAS, the State of New York Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee has awarded \$28,200 to the Erie County Sheriff’s Office to participate in the statewide “Selective Traffic Enforcement” Program; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee has awarded \$4,400 to the Erie County Sheriff’s Office to participate in the statewide “Buckle Up New York” campaign; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to fund overtime and purchase equipment dedicated to increasing safety on the roadways of Erie County by reducing unsafe driving behavior.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County of Erie is hereby authorized to accept funding in the amount of \$32,200 from the State of New York Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee; and be it further.

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to budget those funds as follows:

Erie County Sheriff’s Office – Fund Center 11510

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Increase</u>
409020 Miscellaneous State Aid	<u>32,200</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>32,200</u>
<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>Increase</u>
501000 Overtime	30,400
561410 Lab & Technical Equipment	<u>1,800</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>32,200</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, the Erie County Comptroller’s Office and the Office of Sheriff.  
(4-0)

**CHRISTINA W. BOVE**  
**CHAIR**