



April 25, 2011

The Honorable  
Erie County Legislature  
25 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office - Traffic Safety Programs

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization to receive funding from the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee in the amount of \$32,200. These funds will allow the Office of the Sheriff to participate in two statewide traffic safety programs: the "Selective Traffic Enforcement" program and the "Buckle Up New York" campaign.

I kindly request the Erie County Legislature consider and approve the resolution at its earliest possible session. If your Honorable Body requires any further information, kindly contact the Sheriff's Office and we will be happy to accommodate your request.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD  
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

Attachments

## PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office - Traffic Safety Programs

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.

## ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Erie County Sheriff's Office - Traffic Safety Programs

### I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization for the County of Erie to receive funding in the amount of \$32,200 from the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to participate in the two (2) traffic safety programs. "Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) is a program to reduce aggressive driving and speeding. "Buckle Up New York" (BUNY) is a program aimed at increasing seat belt usage in an effort to reduce serious injury or death from traffic crashes.

### II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

The Erie County Sheriff's Office will receive funding in the amount of \$32,200 to participate in statewide traffic safety programs administered by the State of New York. Funds will be utilized for overtime dedicated to these programs and one (1) radar unit will be purchased for use in speed enforcement patrols.

### III. Reasons for Recommendation

STEP and BUNY funding will be used to support overtime to make the roadways of Erie County safer. Deputies will be assigned to dedicated speed enforcement activities utilizing roving patrol units and to adopt a policy of "zero tolerance" of aggressive driving (i.e. red light and stop sign running, unsafe lane changes, following too closely). Seat Belt check points will be conducted in coordination with Police agencies throughout the state on designated dates.

### IV. Consequence of Negative Action

The County will forfeit \$32,200 in funding dedicated to increasing safety on the roadways of Erie County by targeting speeding, impaired driving and aggressive driving and promoting increased seat belt usage in an effort to reduce serious injury or death from traffic crashes.

### V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, the Erie County Comptroller's Office and the Office of the Sheriff.