



May 9, 2011

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

RE: Erie County Sheriff's Office -- Aviation Reserve Fund Transfer

Honorable Members:

The attached resolution, in accordance with procedures previously approved by Communication #6E-28 adopted on April 5, 2007 requests the transfer of funds from the Appropriated Fund Balance (Reserve for Law Enforcement) to the Sheriff's 2011 Operating budget.

The Sheriff's Office is requesting \$60,000 for the routine expenses of the Sheriff's Aviation Division and for the annual training costs for the helicopter pilots.

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

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WHEREAS, procedures have been established by Communication #6E-28 adopted on April 7, 2007; and

WHEREAS, there are adequate funds available in the reserve fund for distribution to the Sheriff's Office from the sale of surplus helicopter parts; and

WHEREAS, the use of these funds will reduce the amount of county tax dollars required for the support and maintenance of the Sheriff's Office Aviation Division.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that \$60,000 in available balances in the Appropriated Fund Balance (Reserve for Law Enforcement Purposes) is hereby transferred to the Erie County Sheriff's Office, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transactions are hereby authorized:

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

| <u>REVENUE</u> | | <u>Increase</u> |
|----------------------|---|-----------------|
| 402190 | Appropriated Fund Balance (Reserve for Law Enforcement Purposes) | <u>60,000</u> |
| | Total Revenue | <u>60,000</u> |
| | | |
| <u>APPROPRIATION</u> | | <u>Increase</u> |
| 505600 | Auto, Truck & Heavy Equipment Supplies | 10,000 |
| 506200 | Maintenance & Repair | 35,000 |
| 510100 | Out of Area Travel | <u>15,000</u> |
| | Total Appropriations | <u>60,000</u> |

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, the Erie County Comptroller, and the Office of the Sheriff.

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Aviation Reserve Fund Transfer

I. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The attached resolution has been requested by the Sheriff's Office to transfer funds from the reserve account established by Communication #6E-28 on April 5, 2007 to the Sheriff's Office 2011 operating fund budget.

II. FISCAL IMPLICATIONS OF PROPOSAL

Funds in the amount of \$60,000 will be transferred from the reserve account. These funds will be used for the routine expenses of the Sheriff's Aviation Division as well as annual training costs of the helicopter pilots. The use of these funds will reduce the amount of county tax dollars that would have otherwise been required to maintain this equipment.

III. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

Appropriated funds will be used for training, supplies and maintenance required to continue the operation of the Sheriff's Aviation Division.

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve this request will impede the ability of the Sheriff's Office to maintain the Sheriff's Helicopters and meet all FAA safety regulations. Additionally, the ability to continue providing Helicopter Search and Rescue services to the residents of Erie County may be jeopardized.

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, and the Office of the Sheriff.