



September 1, 2011

The Honorable  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office - Asset Forfeiture Funded Program (SAFS)

Honorable Members:

The attached resolution, in accordance with the procedures previously approved by Resolution #Int. 23-3 adopted on December 1, 1994, requests the allocation of funds within the Sheriff's Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS.

The Sheriff's Office is requesting that the balance of \$33,275 currently available in Seized Asset Funds be used to fund out of area travel, subscribe to Clear Investigative Services and to purchase equipment. These expenditures meet the criteria established by the U.S. Department of Justice for the use of equitable shared funds.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy B. Howard".

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD  
SHERIFF

Attachments

## ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Erie County Sheriff's Office - Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution has been requested by the Sheriff's Office to allocate funds previously transferred from the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account and to establish appropriations in the Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Funds in the amount of \$33,275 are currently available in the Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS. There will be no impact on county tax dollars.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

Appropriated funds will provide for the following:

**Commitment Item #510100 – Out-of-Area Travel - \$20,000**

Funds will be utilized for mandatory police training as well as specialized training in key law enforcement areas such as Homicide Investigation, K-9 Law Enforcement and Traffic Safety.

**Commitment Item #516020 - Professional Services & Fees - \$3,275**

Funds will be utilized to purchase a one year subscription to Clear Investigative Service, an online search service used as an investigative tool in locating persons of interest.

**Commitment Item #561410 – Lab & Technical Equipment - \$10,000**

Funds will be utilized to purchase four (4) Rope Rescue Kits for the Special Services Division which will give the SWAT Team tactical rappelling capability and allow the Sheriff's Office to conduct rope rescue operations.

IV. Consequences of Negative Action

Failure to approve this request will prevent the Sheriff's Office from utilizing Seized Asset funds for the purposes mentioned above. Funds would not be available for Deputies to attend many mandated training courses. The use of Clear Investigative Services is a valuable tool to investigators allowing for the quick access of information needed to conduct comprehensive background investigations. The Rope Rescue Kits will give the Erie County Sheriff's Office life saving equipment in emergency situations.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office - Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS

WHEREAS, procedures have been established by Resolution #Int. 23-3 adopted on Dec.1, 1994; and

WHEREAS, funds previously transferred from the Seized Asset Trust Account into the Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS have not been totally expended; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has identified specific funding needs; and

WHEREAS, all expenditures meet the criteria established by the U.S. Department of Justice for the use of equitable shared funds; and

WHEREAS, there will be no impact on county tax dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that \$33,275 currently available in the Erie County Sheriff's Office Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS be allocated to fund required travel and to purchase needed equipment and services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transactions are hereby authorized:

**ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDED PROGRAM SAFS**

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>Increase</u>
421550	Forfeiture Crime Proceeds	<u>33,275</u>
	Total Revenue	<u>33,275</u>
 <u>APPROPRIATION</u>		 <u>Increase</u>
510100	Out of Area Travel	20,000
516020	Professional Services & Fees	3,275
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment	<u>10,000</u>
	Total Appropriations	<u>33,275</u>

and be it further

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