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COUNTY OF ERIE

CHRIS COLLINS
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 9, 2011

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

RE: Central Police Services – Grant Personnel Adjustments

Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to transfer a grant funded position between grants in the Department of Central Police Services budget.

Approval of this request will allow the CPS Laboratory to retain a Firearms Examiner to process an increasing firearms caseload.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact the Department of Central Police Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

CHRIS COLLINS
Erie County Executive

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Central Police Services
Re: Grant Personnel Adjustments
Date: September 9, 2011

SUMMARY

The attached resolution requests authorization to transfer a grant funded position within the Central Police Services grant fund budget.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None – the grant is fully funded by the United States Department of Justice – National Institute of Justice.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The general purpose of Coverdell Firearms grant is to assist local crime labs and reduce the backlog of firearms cases waiting for analysis.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The full-time Firearms Examiner II position was previously funded by a New York State grant. Due to State budget cuts in aid to localities programs, the funding of the Firearms Capacity Enhancement program has been terminated.

Authorization is requested to transfer the full-time Firearms Examiner II, position #51009325 to the 165FY10COVFIRE1011 grant and delete the vacant part-time Firearms Examiner II, position #51009379.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve this request would restrict the CPS Forensic Laboratory in its ability to process firearms cases.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Central Police Services will work with the Division of Budget and Management to implement this request.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
CENTRAL POLICE SERVICES

RE: CPS Grant Personnel Adjustments

WHEREAS, the Erie County Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory has been awarded a 2010 Coverdell Grant by the National Institute of Justice to analyze backlogged firearms cases; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services has terminated funding of the Firearms Capacity Enhancement program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to transfer the full-time Firearms Examiner II – position #51009325 to the 165FY10COVFIRE1011 grant and delete the vacant part-time Firearms Examiner II – position #51009379 (B-100 #6461); and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of the resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Personnel, the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Central Police Services.