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# COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 10, 2014

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Subcontracts with City of Buffalo & NFTA Police Department – FY  
2013 Tactical Grant Program**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Emergency Services requesting authorization to enter into subcontracts with the City of Buffalo in the amount of \$13,000 and Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) Police Department in the amount of \$15,000 to provide funds from the regional FY 2013 Tactical Grant Program.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Dan Neaverth Jr. at the Department of Emergency Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Emergency Services  
**Re:** Subcontracts with City of Buffalo & NFTA Police Department– FY 2013  
Tactical Grant Program  
**Date:** **June 10, 2014**

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### **SUMMARY**

Emergency Services is seeking authorization to allow the County Executive to enter into subcontracts with the City of Buffalo to purchase equipment to support their special tactical operations and the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) Police Department to provide overtime/backfill for training to close gaps identified in the National Counter-IED Capability Analysis Database (NCADD) to support their special tactical operations. These funds will come out of the regional FY 13 Tactical Grant Program.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no fiscal impact on the county operating budget. The funds to cover this contact will be coming out of 100% reimbursable homeland security grant funds. The funds in grant HS167TACT1315 are already approved by the state to be utilized for this project.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Erie County was awarded \$100,000 in the FY 13 Tactical Grant Program with the intentions of it being a regional/partnership grant with the Erie County Sheriff's Office, City of Buffalo and NFTA Police Department. As part of the award Erie County Emergency Services became the fiduciary agent to administer the grant with the intent to give \$13,000 to the City of Buffalo for purchasing equipment and to give \$15,000 to the NFTA to allow for overtime to support the regions special tactical operations.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In the County's application for this grant, the county agreed to partner with the City of Buffalo Police Department and the NFTA Police Department in order to sustain and build tactical team capabilities across the region, which is part of the overall strategy to address prevent, defend against, prepare and mitigate the impacts of terrorist attacks.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Without this Legislation the department will not be able to fulfill the grant deliverables of the regional/partnership FY 13 Tactical Grant Program. The regions tactical teams will not be able to further their improvements of their specialized tactical operations and the overall strategy to prevent, defend, prepare and mitigate against terrorist attacks will be compromised.

## **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The County Executive will sign the subcontracts and the Department of Emergency Services, the City of Buffalo and the NFTA Police Department will be able to meet the objectives of the grant and the citizens of Erie County will be safer.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

RE: Subcontracts with City of Buffalo &  
NFTA Police Department– FY 2013  
Tactical Grant Program

WHEREAS, the State of New York, through its Office of Homeland Security serves as the administrator for grant HS167TACT1315 and has awarded Erie County \$100,000 in funding to be spent on the development and sustainment of tactical team capabilities across New York State, which is part of the overall strategy to address prevent, defend against, prepare and mitigate the impacts of terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, Erie County's application for this grant agreed to partner with the City of Buffalo Police Department and the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) Police Department. In keeping with the goal of this grant, the County has set aside \$13,000 of its allotted funding for the purpose of participating in a partnership with City of Buffalo for acquiring equipment and \$15,000 of its allotted funding for the purpose of participating in a partnership with the NFTA Police Department allowing them overtime/backfill funding for training necessary to close the gaps identified in the National Counter-IED Capability Analysis Database (NCCAD), an assessment tool providing capabilities analysis in order to strengthen both tactical team capabilities for responding to and mitigating terrorist threats or attacks; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required from the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into subcontracts with the City of Buffalo and NFTA Police Department to improve their tactical team capabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to enter into subcontracts to provide funding in the amount of \$13,000 with the City of Buffalo for acquiring equipment and \$15,000 to the NFTA Police Department to provide funding to allow for overtime/backfill for training necessary to sustain and build tactical team capabilities across the region, which is part of the overall strategy to address prevent, defend against, prepare and mitigate the impacts of terrorist attacks; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these funds have already been appropriated in grant HS167TACT1315 in account 516020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Emergency Services c/o Melissa Calhoun, the County Comptroller, and the County Attorney.