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The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Donation of Equipment to the Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to donate various county equipment to the Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, please contact the Chief of Administrative Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Timothy B. Howard
Erie County Sheriff

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY
THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

RE: The Donation of Various Equipment to the Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team

WHEREAS, the Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team (NFSAR), a tax-exempt organization, is a member of the New York State Federation of Search and Rescue Teams, and

WHEREAS, all NFSAR members are volunteers and participate in extensive training and are certified through both the New York State DEC and the National Association of Search and Rescue, and

WHEREAS, the NFSAR Team is dispatched through the Erie County Sheriff's Office to do high-angle and technical rope rescues, and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2013 all public safety radio systems operating in the 150-512 MHz radio bands must be operating utilizing narrowband technology, and

WHEREAS, many of NFSAR's radio equipment did not meet the narrow-banding requirements,

WHEREAS, NFSAR in need of various other equipment to meet its public safety goals,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby granted for the donation of the following items to the Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team:

(2) Motorola XTL 1500 Mobile Radios
(Serial Numbers: 726CPR0399, 726CPR0400)

(2) Stico Portable Antennas - Model CPAK-DB-VHF/UHF

(4) Motorola XTS 1500 Portable Radios
(Serial Numbers: 687CPR0611, 687CPR0612, 687CPR0464, 687CPR0465)

(4) Vehicular (Portable Radio) Chargers - Model WPLN4208C
(Serial Numbers: 3064MKK0100JH, 3064MKK0100HX, 3064MKK0100LZ, 3064MKK0100M6)

(3) IMPRES Adaptive Multi-Unit Chargers
(Serial Numbers: 3072MKI0105X8, 3072MKI0105XR, 3072MKI0105XW)

(3) Honda EU2000i Portable Generators
(Serial Numbers: EAAJ-2589716, EAAJ-2589717, EAAJ-2589718)

(2) CMC Rescue MPDs
(Serial Numbers: 13225M0251, 13225M0263)

(1) CMC Rescue Titanium Split-Apart Rescue Litter
(with Patient Tie In System, Litter Shield Plus, and Litter Harness)
(Serial Number: 70009414)

And be it further

RESOLVED, as terms of the donation, the NFSAR is fully responsible for said equipment for both maintenance and liability, and be it further

RESOLVED, as terms of the donation, NFSAR agrees to return to Erie County said equipment upon its retirement from service, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief of Administration for the Erie County Sheriff's Office, the Comptroller and the County Executive.

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: The Donation of Various Equipment to the Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team

I. Summary of Recommended Action

Authorization is requested to donate various equipment to the Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team for search and rescue activities in Erie County.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

None for the resolution. Erie County currently owns the equipment.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

Erie County currently has equipment that can be utilized by NFSAR to replace their outdated equipment. NFSAR is dispatched by the Erie County Sheriff's Office to assist in dangerous and complex search and rescue missions. This donation will allow NFSAR to better serve the needs of the Sheriff's Office and the residents of Erie County.

IV. Consequences of Negative Action

Failure to approve this request will result in our partner NFSAR not having the necessary equipment to assist the Erie County Sheriff's Office in complex search and rescue missions.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Comptroller, the County Executive and the Chief of Administration for the Sheriff's Office for implementation.