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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 6, 2015

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

Re: Transfer of Homeland Security Trailer to Elma CERT Team

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Emergency Services requesting authorization to transfer a trailer that was purchased out of State Homeland Security Program funds in 2005 to the Elma CERT Team for them to use to store their Citizen Preparedness Equipment.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/mc
Enclosure

cc: Dan Neaverth Jr., Commissioner Department of Emergency Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Emergency Services
Re: Transfer of Homeland Security Trailer to Elma CERT Team
Date: May 6, 2015

SUMMARY

The Department of Emergency Services is seeking authorization to transfer a homeland security trailer that was purchased out of State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) 2005 funds to the Elma CERT Team to use for their Citizen Preparedness Equipment.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications for the transfer of this trailer. The trailer to be transferred was originally purchased using homeland security funds.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Emergency Services recently purchased a new trailer to tow the traffic incident management equipment as a stronger more heavy duty one was needed. With that being said as part of the homeland security disposition of equipment, Emergency Services has the opportunity to fulfill a request from the Elma CERT team who is looking for a trailer to house their citizen preparedness equipment. Once the transfer occurs the Elma CERT team will be responsible for maintenance and care of the trailer. Also, if the NYS Department of Homeland Security or the US Department of Homeland Security comes to do an audit of the 2005 SHSP funds and asks to see the trailer, the Elma CERT team agrees to make the trailer available for the auditors.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This trailer was used in the department to store traffic incident management equipment. Within the past year we were approached by the Elma Emergency Manager to see if we knew of any possible trailers they may be able to locate. We had already begun the process of purchasing a new, heavier duty trailer and the Commissioner thought this would be a great fit for the used Homeland Security trailer.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Without this Legislation, we will not be able to carry on the regionalism that is stressed through Homeland Security and the Elma CERT team will still be in need of a piece of equipment to store their citizen preparedness equipment.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Emergency Services will complete the proper paperwork to complete the transfer.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICE”

RE: Transfer of Homeland Security Trailer
to Elma CERT Team

WHEREAS, the Department of Emergency Services purchased a 2006 Haulin traffic incident management trailer out of FY 2005 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Emergency Services has purchased a new traffic incident management trailer out of homeland security funds (FY 11 SHSP); and

WHEREAS, the Elma CERT team does not have a trailer to put their Citizen Preparedness equipment in and Emergency Services would like to transfer the Haulin 2006, traffic incident management trailer to them; and

WHEREAS, the Elma CERT team agrees to take over the maintenance and repairs needed to the trailer; and

WHEREAS, because this is a homeland security purchase, the Elma CERT team agrees if Emergency Services is audited on the FY 2005 State Homeland Security Grant they will allow the auditors access to the trailer for auditing purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature authorizes the transfer of the 2006 Haulin, VIN number 5NHUHAV207W048242, traffic incident management trailer to the Elma CERT Team; 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.