



# COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 22, 2015

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

**Re: No Cost Department of Emergency Services Training**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Emergency Services requesting authorization to participate in training paid for and provided by partner agencies, organizations and/or companies producing or transporting hazardous materials in or through our county.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Poloncarz", is written over a faint circular stamp.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/mc  
Enclosure

cc: Daniel Neaverth, Commissioner Department of Emergency Services

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Emergency Services  
**Re:** No Cost Department of Emergency Services Training  
**Date:** May 22, 2015

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### **SUMMARY**

CSX railroad is extending an invitation to 181 County Emergency Managers from across the Nation to participate in their hands on training at the Railroad Education and Training Institute in Atlanta, Georgia on June 2-4, 2015.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No fiscal implications. Costs are covered by CSX.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

CSX is making every effort to provide the latest training and information on the operation of Unit trains of Crude Oil for emergency managers and responders within communities potentially impacted by these shipments.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

With a heightened concern from communities in which these Unit trains travel CSX, state, federal and local officials have developed hands on responder training and incident management to ensure the safest response to railroad emergencies.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Without approval we will lose an opportunity to receive state of the art training and techniques.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Erie County will file no cost travel documentation and participate in the first training of its kind in the nation.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

RE: No Cost Department of Emergency  
Services Training

WHEREAS, the Department of Emergency Services is routinely offered no cost state of the art training opportunities by State and Federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Emergency Service is responsible for All Hazard Mitigation within the County; and

WHEREAS, on occasion no cost trainings are offered by the producers and transporters of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, CSX railroad has offered no cost hands on Responder Outreach for Unit Train Emergencies training at their Atlanta, Georgia Railroad Education Institute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Department of Emergency Services to participate in no cost travel such as the CSX Responder Outreach for Unit Train Emergencies in Atlanta, Georgia; 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.