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

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office - Explosive Entry and Shotgun Breaching Training
Immediate Consideration Requested

Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to utilize New York State Homeland Security 2013 Bomb Squad Grant funds to pay for training and certification of the Erie County Sheriff's Office S.W.A.T. and Bomb Squad Units.

Please refer this matter for immediate consideration and approval. Representatives of the Sheriff's Office will be available to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

Timothy Howard

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Attachments

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Erie County Sheriff's Office - Explosive Entry and Shotgun Breaching Training

Immediate Consideration Requested

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution has been requested by the Sheriff's Office seeking permission to use grant funds from the expiring 2013 Bomb Squad grant to pay The Yarborough Group for Explosive Entry and Shotgun Breaching certification and training.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Funds in the amount of $9,347.53 will be utilized from the 2013 Bomb Squad Grant to pay for training.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

Appropriated funds provide for the training and certification of the Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad and S.W.A.T. unit members for various entry and breaching techniques.

IV. Consequences of Negative Action

Failure to approve this request will prevent the Sheriff's Office from utilizing New York State Homeland Security 2013 Bomb Squad Grant for the purposes mentioned above. Additionally, without the approval of this resolution request the existing and new members of the Bomb and S.W.A.T. units will lack important and necessary training to maintain the Erie County Sheriff's Office high standards and professionalism. The use of grant funds reduces the costs of police services to the tax payer of Erie County.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, Erie County Comptroller, Division of Purchase and the Sheriff's Office for implementation.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Erie County Sheriff's Office - Explosive Entry and Shotgun Breaching Training

Immediate Consideration Requested

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has been granted and the Erie County Legislature approved grant funds from the New York State Department of Homeland Security for Bomb Squad training and law enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended for the Bomb Squad to maintain its high level of training and certification complete Explosive Entry and Shotgun Breaching training; and

WHEREAS, there are remaining funds from the 2013 Bomb Squad Grant to cover the cost of the Explosive Entry and Shotgun Breaching training and certification; and

WHEREAS, The Yarborough Group is a highly respected training organization that uses a curriculum developed by U.S. Special Operations professionals and restructured for law enforcement agencies and is an approved vendor by New York Department of Homeland Security for such training, and

WHEREAS, there will be no impact on county tax dollars with the appropriation of these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Sheriff's Office has been authorized to utilize the remaining New York State Homeland Security 2013 Bomb Squad Grant funds not to exceed $9,347.53 to pay for Explosive Entry and Shotgun Breaching training.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, the Erie County Comptroller, the Division of Purchase and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff for implementation.