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

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Accept NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services
funding for Automatic Vehicle Locators
Immediate Consideration Requested

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to accept \$18,000.00 in funding from the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services for the purchase of Automatic Vehicle Locators for Sheriff's patrol vehicles.

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 B. HOWARD
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

Attachments

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Accept NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services funding for Automatic Vehicle Locators

Immediate Consideration Requested

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution has been requested by the Sheriff's Office seeking authorization to accept funds from the NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services for the purchase of Automatic Vehicle Locators (AVL).

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Funds in the amount of \$18,000.00 will be utilized by the Erie County Sheriff's Office to purchase AVLs for patrol vehicles.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

The Erie County Sheriff's Office needs authorization to accept the funds from NYSDCJS for AVLs. The AVLs will be installed onto patrol vehicles allowing the Sheriff's Office Dispatchers to quickly identify, in real time, the closest patrol vehicle in proximity to an emergency call. This will provide quicker response times for emergency calls and eliminate additional steps to approximate a patrol vehicle's location.

IV. Consequences of Negative Action

Failure to approve this request will prevent the Sheriff's Office from accepting and utilizing New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services funds to improve public and Deputy safety.

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 – Accept NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services funding for Automatic Vehicle Locators

Immediate Consideration Requested

WHEREAS, New York State Senator Patrick Gallivan has secured \$18,000.00 from the New York State Department of Criminal Justice for the purchase of Automatic Vehicle Locators (AVL) for Sheriff's patrol vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the AVLs will allow the Sheriff's Office Dispatchers to accurately and efficiently locate and dispatch the "closest car" to the site of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, response time of law enforcement agencies is critical when responding to incidents and a Dispatcher's ability to access real-time location data can make a difference in life-threatening situations; and

WHEREAS, while AVLs increase public safety, the device also increase the safety of Deputies by indicating where the closest law enforcement vehicle is positioned and eliminating unnecessary travel from a vehicle that may be at a greater distance from the scene, and

WHEREAS, there will be no impact on county tax dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Sheriff's Office has been authorized to accept \$18,000.00 from the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services for the purchase of Automatic Vehicle Locators.

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.