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

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Transfer of Fund: Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS
& Maintenance

Immediate Consideration Requested

Honorable Members:

The attached resolution, in accordance with the procedures previously approved by Resolution #Int. 23-3 adopted on December 1, 1994, requests the transfer of funds from the Erie County Asset Forfeiture Trust Account to the Sheriff's Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS.

In addition to the asset forfeiture account transfer, the Sheriff's Office is requesting transfer of funds from Maintenance account to the Out of Area Travel account.

The Sheriff's Office is requesting to allocate funds totaling \$40,000 for Bomb Squad and SWAT training required to support the Police and Special Services Divisions of the Sheriff's Office. All appropriate portions of these expenditures meet the criteria established by U.S. Department of Justice for equitably shared funds.

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 – Transfer of Fund: Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS & Maintenance

Immediate Consideration Requested

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution has been requested by the Sheriff's Office to allocate funds from the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account and transfer funds from the Maintenance account to the Out of Area Travel account for training.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Funds in the amount of \$10,000 will be transferred from the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account. Funds in the amount of \$30,000 will be transferred from the Maintenance account to Out of Area Training account. There will be no impact on county tax dollars.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

Appropriated funds will provide for the following Bomb Squad, Hostage Negotiation, Hostage Rescue and SWAT training for existing and new team members

IV. Consequences of Negative Action

Failure to approve this request will prevent the Sheriff's Office from utilizing Seized Asset funds for the purposes mentioned above. Additionally, without approval of the request the existing and new members of the Bomb and SWAT units will lack important and necessary training to maintain the Erie County Sheriff's Office high standards and professionalism. The use of seized asset 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

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WHEREAS, procedures have been established by Resolution #Int. 23-3 adopted on December 1, 1994; and

WHEREAS, there are currently \$86,185.31 in funds available for distribution to the Sheriff's Office in the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office is in need of proper funding for training the Bomb Squad and SWAT units; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that \$10,000 in available balances in the Asset Forfeiture Trust Fund is hereby transferred to the Erie County Sheriff's Office Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS:

**ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDED PROGRAM SAFS**

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>Increase</u>
421550	Forfeiture Crime Proceeds	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
	Total Revenue	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
 <u>APPROPRIATION</u>		 <u>Increase</u>
510100	Out of Area Travel	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
	Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 10,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that these expenditures meet the criteria established by the U.S. Department of Justice for the use of equitable shared funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby authorizes the transfer of \$30,000 from the Maintenance account to the Out of Area Travel fund:

**ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
2015 BUDGET**

ACCOUNT		DECREASE
506200	Maintenance	\$30,000

ACCOUNT
510100

Out of Area Travel

INCREASE
\$30,000

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.