

SUSPENSION



COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 9, 2015

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

**Re: Acceptance of Reimbursement Funds for Hurricane Irene/Lee**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Emergency Services requesting authorization to accept \$101,119.32 in funding from Schoharie County for the response by first responders to Hurricane Irene/Lee. Once the check is received the funds will be sent to those fire companies and agencies from Erie County that responded.

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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/mc  
Enclosure

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

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Emergency Services  
**Re:** Acceptance of Reimbursement Funds for Hurricane Irene/Lee  
**Date:** March 9, 2015

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### **SUMMARY**

The Department of Emergency Services is seeking authorization to accept disaster reimbursement funds from Schoharie County for the federal declared disaster Hurricane Irene/Lee (DR 4020) and then to distribute said funds to local first responders.

The reimbursements will be made to the following first responders of Erie County for assisting them during their time of need as follows:

City of Buffalo Fire Department	\$43,147.04
City of Tonawanda Fire Department	\$9,091.73
Erie County Emergency Services	\$23,495.35
Bellevue Volunteer Fire Department	\$3,706.72
Chaffee Sardinia Volunteer Fire Department	\$221.34
Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department	\$5,082.11
Eggertsville Fire Department	\$980.00
Lancaster Fire Department	\$1,666.36
Millgrove Volunteer Fire Department	\$3,307.97
Bowmansville Volunteer Fire Department	\$4,067.73
East Concord Fire Department	\$2,015.00
Gowanda Volunteer Fire Department	\$624.33
Main-Transit Fire Department	\$1,123.95
Village of Alden Fire Department	\$2,589.69
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$101,119.32</u>

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The funds will be received by the county and then distributed to each of the above mentioned responding agencies. By accepting the funds, the county will also be able to recoup what was spent assisting Schoharie County.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The first response community is a tight knit brotherhood. When another agency is in trouble due to a natural or man-made disaster, it is the nature of the response community to assist them if they are capable. At that same turn, we have had many instances where outside first responders have assisted us in our time of need. By allowing us to accept the funds from Schoharie County each of those responding agencies will be able to get back the expenses incurred from their response.

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## **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Without this Legislation, we will not be able to accept the funds from Schoharie County and make each of the responding agencies whole again.

## **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Emergency Services will accept the funds and distribute the appropriate money to each of the agencies mentioned above.

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## A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

RE: Acceptance of Reimbursement Funds for Hurricane Irene/Lee

WHEREAS, the Department of Emergency Services and other responding agencies in Erie County assisted Schoharie County during Hurricane Irene/Lee; and

WHEREAS, authorization is requested from the Erie County Legislature for the Department of Emergency Services to accept the reimbursement funds in the amount of \$101,119.32 from Schoharie County; and

WHEREAS, those funds will then be distributed to the following first responders in Erie County that assisted Schoharie County as follows:

City of Buffalo Fire Department	\$43,147.04
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<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$101,119.32

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to accept the disaster reimbursement funds in the amount of \$101,119.32 from Schoharie County ; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to make the necessary deposit of funds from Schoharie County into GL account GL212100, fund 110, business area 167 and make the disbursements to the first responders from this same account; 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 Personnel, the Department of Emergency Services c/o Melissa Calhoun, the County Comptroller, and the County Attorney.