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The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Authorization for to enter into an agreement with Yarborough Group for special SWAT tactics training

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Erie County Sheriff's Office seeking authorization for to enter into a contract with an approved vendor for SWAT tactics training.

Representatives of the Sheriff's Office will be available to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
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Attachments

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Authorization for to enter into an agreement with Yarborough Group for special SWAT tactics training

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization for the County of Erie to enter into an agreement with the Yarborough Group for specialized SWAT Team training for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

The Yarborough Group is a recognized leader in delivering specialized training and is an approved vendor by New York State Department of Criminal Justice Service.

The Erie County Sheriff's Office will use grant funds already accepted by the Legislature through passage of COMM. 24E-13(2015). Furthermore, use of these funds is authorized by the NYSDCJS for this purpose.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

The Erie County Sheriff's Office will utilize funds from the FY 2015 Bomb Squad Grant and will have no fiscal impact to the taxpayers of Erie County.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

The sheriff's office needs authorization to enter into the training agreement and to pay the vendor.

IV. Consequence of Negative Action

The Erie County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team would not be able to access approved funds for training for the SWAT Team.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of the approved resolution are sent to the Division of Budget and Management, the County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, the County Attorney's Office, and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff Office for implementation.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: Authorization for to enter into an agreement with Yarborough Group for special SWAT tactics training

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team is a high trained tactical group and has, through extensive training, integrated the Bomb Squad into the tactical response unit; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to maintain the units status as highly trained and effective tactical response unit the specialized training offered by the Yarborough Group will allow the ECSO SWAT Team to be trained and prepared for multiple scenarios; and

WHEREAS, the funds used for this training originate from a U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant which this Honorable Body accepted by passing COMM. 24E-13 (2015); and

WHEREAS, the Yarborough Group is a recognized and approved vendor by the NYSDCJS and is the only provider of the specific training.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the County Executive are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Yarborough Group for specialized SWAT Team tactics for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 and utilized accepted FY 2015 U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all payments will be paid from budget account #510200 – Training & Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Comptroller's Office is hereby authorized to release the designated funds and make payments as necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature send certified copies to the Division of Budget and Management, the County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, the County Attorney's Office, and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff Office for implementation.