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# COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 19, 2017

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

**Re: Transfer of Homeland Security Trailer to Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services requesting authorization to transfer a trailer that was purchased out of FY 15 Technical Rescue Grant to the Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team for use to store their Search and Rescue Equipment.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Dan Neaverth Jr. at the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services  
**Re:** Transfer of Homeland Security Trailer to Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team  
**Date:** May 19, 2017

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### **SUMMARY**

The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services is seeking authorization to transfer a homeland security trailer that was purchased out of the FY 15 Technical Rescue Grant to the Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team to use for their Search and Rescue Equipment. The FY 15 Technical Rescue Grant is a regional grant and the Niagara Search and Rescue Team is a partner in that grant.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no fiscal implications for the transfer of this trailer. The trailer to be transferred was originally purchased using homeland security funds.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services recently purchased this new trailer under the FY 15 Technical Rescue Grant with the intent to give it to the Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team as this is a regional grant and the team is one of our partners. In addition, if the NYS Department of Homeland Security or the US Department of Homeland Security decides to audit the grant, the Niagara Search and Rescue Team will be required to allow the county and the auditor's access to the trailer.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The FY 15 Technical Rescue grant is a regional homeland security grant. This grant is a partnership with the following agencies: Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team, Gowanda Fire Department, Erie County Sheriff's Office, Hillcrest Fire Company, East Aurora Fire Department, Orchard Park Fire Company, West Falls Fire Department and the ALERT Swift water Rescue Team. The intention, when writing the grant, was to purchase a trailer for the Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team. Each agency understands that if the grant is audited they will need to produce the equipment that is given to them from the county.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Without this Legislation, we will not be able to carry on the regionalism that is stressed through Homeland Security and the deliverables of the grant will not be met.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services will complete the proper paperwork to complete the transfer.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY  
SERVICES

RE: Transfer of Homeland Security Trailer to the Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services purchased a Vision 30" V Front Flat top trailer out of FY 2015 Technical Rescue Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2015 Technical Rescue Grant is a regional grant with deliverables to purchase equipment for the partners participating in the grant, one being the Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team; and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team agrees to take over the maintenance and repairs needed to the trailer; and

WHEREAS, because this is a homeland security purchase, the Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team agrees if the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services is audited on the FY 2015 Technical Rescue Grant they will allow the auditors access to the trailer for auditing purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature authorizes the transfer of the Vision 30" V Front Flat top trailer, VIN # 53BLTEA11HA034092, search and rescue trailer to the Niagara Frontier Search and Rescue Team; 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 Homeland Security and Emergency Services c/o Melissa Calhoun, the County Comptroller, and the County Attorney.