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

Re: **Chaplain Agreements**

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization for the County Executive and the Sheriff's Office to enter into agreements with two additional individuals to provide religious and spiritual counseling for inmates at the holding Center and the correctional facility.

A representative from the Sheriff's Office will be available at meetings to detail the proposed resolution. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

Attachments

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

Re: **Chaplain Agreements**

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The Sheriff's Jail Management Division needs authorization to enter into new agreements with two additional chaplains for religious and spiritual services and counseling,

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Funding for the chaplains is to be allocated from existing funds in the Sheriff's Office budget.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

The Chaplain Division of the Sheriff's office provides various religious and spiritual services as well as counseling for inmates; however, there are occasions where current chaplains are not available due to other commitments. By entering into agreements with two additional chaplains, the Jail Management Division and Chaplain Division can provide greater access to religious services and leaders.

IV. Consequence of Negative Action

The Erie County Sheriff's Jail Management Division would be unable to provide additional religious services and counseling to inmates.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Executive, the County Attorney, the Division of Budget and Management, the Erie County Comptroller's Office and the Erie County Sheriff's Office for implementation.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: **IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION** – Chaplain Agreements

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office maintains and chaplain unit to provide religious services and spiritual counseling to inmates of varying faiths and beliefs, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office seeks to enter into agreements with to additional religious leaders for inmate services, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive and the Sheriff's Office to enter into agreements with Deacon Miguel Santos and the Reverend Joseph Gaglione at a rate of \$50.00 per service; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, the County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, the Division of Purchase and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff Office for implementation.