

October 23, 2014

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 14

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.  
CHAIR MILLS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 18E-15 (2014)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE:** "Personnel Adjustments - Erie County Correctional Health Services" (6-0)
  - b. COMM. 20M-8 (2014)  
**DANIEL WARD:** "Letter Regarding Possibility of a Drone Flying over Larkintown in September 2014" (6-0)
2. COMM. 17E-20 (2014)  
**SHERIFF** **AS AMENDED**  
WHEREAS, procedures have been established by Resolution #Int. 23-3 adopted on December 1, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office is in need of proper funding to purchase tires, vehicle parts for the safety of its officers and the Sexual Offender Registration software fee; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office is in need of additional funds for ammunition to continue training and qualification for its Deputies; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that \$102,000 in available balances in the Asset Forfeiture Trust Interest Fund is hereby transferred to the Erie County Sheriff's Office Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transactions are hereby authorized:

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDED PROGRAM SAFS

REVENUE

|        |                           |                   |
|--------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 421550 | Forfeiture Crime Proceeds | <u>\$ 102,000</u> |
|        | Total Revenue             | <u>\$ 102,000</u> |

APPROPRIATION

|        |  |                   |
|--------|--|-------------------|
|        |  | <u>Increase</u>   |
| 505200 | Automobile Supplies Maintenance & Repair | \$ 39,000         |
| 506200 | Maintenance and Repair                   | \$ 56,000         |
| 516020 | Professional Service and Fees            | \$ 7,000          |
|        | Total Appropriations                     | <u>\$ 102,000</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 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.  
(6-0)

3. INTRO. 18-5 (2014)  
**GRANT** **AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, recent events across the United States have highlighted a need for increased racial awareness between Police Departments and minority communities; and

WHEREAS, the Lockport Police Department was recently made aware of the racially insensitive language used in their databases that classified African-American citizens as 'Negro,' grading people by the darkness of their skin tone; and

WHEREAS, language accepted and used by an institution can create and reinforce an unintended culture of bias; and

WHEREAS, any police or public service agency, especially those funded by tax dollars, should not utilize any terminology that could be construed as demeaning, prejudicial or derogatory toward any individual or group of people; and

WHEREAS, the Lockport Police Department should not be criticized for this transgression, yet should be commended for the modernization of their database to no longer make use of the word 'Negro' and for their commitment to diversity through training; and

WHEREAS, it is tantamount for law enforcement and public service agencies to continue their work on improving and developing effective protocols and procedures to reflect the diversity of all races and genders in our community with thoughtfulness and understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, The Erie County Legislature directs the Department of Central Police Services to verify in a letter to the legislature that they have checked their databases to ensure that modernized racial terminology is used; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Central Police Services shall send a memo to all Police Agencies they work with in Erie County to encourage those departments to verify the same, and that the Commissioner of CPS shall provide this Legislature's Public Safety Committee with an update concerning the aforementioned notifications at a future committee meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Department of Central Police Services; as well as to all other departments of the Erie County government; and to the Clerk of the Niagara County Legislature; Mary Jo Tamburlin (Niagara County Courthouse, 175 Hawley St., Lockport, NY 14094-2740); and to the County Manager of Niagara County, Jeffrey M. Glatz (Philo J. Brooks Co. Office Bldg., 2nd Floor, 59 Park Ave., Lockport, NY 14094).  
(6-0)

4. COMM 20E-18 (2014)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Dear Honorable Members,

Pursuant to the power vested in me by Article 14, Section 1403 of the Erie County Charter, I hereby appoint the following to the Disaster Preparedness Advisory Board, for a term ending December 31, 2016.

Amanda Vallone  
American Red Cross  
786 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo NY 14209

Thomas Trzepacz  
56 Stutzman Road  
Bowmansville, NY 14026

Gary Shoffstall  
Army Corp of Engineers  
1778 Niagara Street  
Buffalo, NY 14207

Kevin Kennedy  
National Grid  
144 Kensington Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14214

Richard Gallivan  
NYS Thruway Authority  
455 Cayuga Rd, Suite 800  
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Richard Jones  
NYS Department of  
Transportation  
100 Seneca Street

Terry Reinke  
NFTA  
181 Ellicott Street  
Buffalo, NY 14203

Gary Geitter  
Tops Markets  
PO Box 1027  
Buffalo, NY 14240

Lynda Burey  
SUNY Buffalo  
220 Winspear Avenue  
Room 204C  
Buffalo, NY 14215

Thomas Wik  
Erie County Water Authority  
3030 Union Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Jim Zymanek  
Town of Amherst  
Emergency Services  
5583 Main Street  
Williamsville, NY 14221

Michael Moskal  
Village of Depew  
Emergency Services  
38 Rumford Street  
Depew NY 14043

If you have any questions about this or any other matter, please feel free to contact my office at 858-8500.

John Gullo  
Town of West Seneca  
Emergency Services  
1130 Center Road  
West Seneca, NY 14224

Ernest Matthews  
Erie County Fire Chief's  
Mutual Aid Organization  
7267 Chestnut Ridge Road  
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Sean Crotty  
Town of Hamburg  
Emergency Services  
6100 South Park Avenue  
Hamburg, NY 14075

Judy Levan  
National Weather Service  
587 Aero Drive  
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Michael Muscarella  
City of Buffalo  
Inspections Department  
65 Niagara Square  
City Hall, Room 304  
Buffalo, NY 14201

Buffalo, NY 14203

Daniel McCartan  
ECMC & WNY Regional  
Resource Center  
462 Grider Street, 3rd Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14215

Earl Loder  
Town of Cheektowaga  
Emergency Services  
3301 Broadway  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Peter Spilsbury Jr.  
Erie County Fire District  
Officers Association  
126 Tudor Blvd.  
West Seneca, NY 14220

Robert Koster  
ARES/RACES  
5463 S. Abbott Road  
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Frank Cefalu  
Verizon Communications  
2755 Millersport Hwy  
Getzville, NY 14068

Sincerely Yours,  
Mark C. Poloncarz  
(Chair's motion to Receive, file and print)

**EDWARD A. RATH, III**  
**CHAIR**