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April 17, 2012

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

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office - Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS
Immediate Consideration Requested

Honorable Members:

The attached resolution, in accordance with the procedures previously approved by Resolution #Int. 23-3 adopted on December 1, 1994, requests the transfer of funds from the Erie County Asset Forfeiture Trust Account to the Sheriff's Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS.

The Sheriff's Office is requesting to allocate funds in the amount of \$21,000 for training and equipment required to support the Police Services Division of the Sheriff's Office. These expenditures meet the criteria established by U.S. Department of Justice for equitably shared funds.

Please refer this matter for immediate consideration and approval at the April 19, 2012 meeting of your Honorable Body. Representatives of the Sheriff's Office will be available to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

Attachments

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office - Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS

WHEREAS, procedures have been established by Resolution #Int. 23-3 adopted on December 1, 1994, and

WHEREAS, there are currently \$665,844 in funds available for distribution to the Sheriff's Office in the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account, and

WHEREAS, there will be no impact on county tax dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that \$21,000 in available balances in the Asset Forfeiture Trust 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

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>Increase</u>
421550	Forfeiture Crime Proceeds	<u>21,000</u>
	Total Revenue	<u>21,000</u>
 <u>APPROPRIATION</u>		 <u>Increase</u>
510100	Out of Area Travel	15,000
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	<u>6,000</u>
	Total Appropriations	<u>21,000</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, and the Office of the Sheriff for implementation.

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Erie County Sheriff's Office - Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution has been requested by the Sheriff's Office to allocate funds from the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account and to establish appropriations into the Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Funds in the amount of \$21,000 will be transferred from the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account. There will be no impact on county tax dollars. The current balance of the Trust Account is \$665,844.50.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

Appropriated funds will provide for the following:

Commitment Item #510100 – Out-of-Area Travel - \$15,000

Funds will be utilized for mandatory police training as well as specialized training in law enforcement areas such as Accident Reconstruction and Instructor Certification for the Underwater Recovery Team.

Commitment Item #561410 – Lab & Tech Equipment - \$6,000

Funds will be utilized for the purchase of a Crash Data Retrieval System which can recover critical crash data stored in the event data recorder (EDR) installed in most vehicles today. This equipment will be an invaluable tool for use in Traffic Crash Reconstruction.

IV. Consequences of Negative Action

Failure to approve this request will prevent the Sheriff's Office from utilizing Seized Asset funds for the purposes mentioned above. These funds will provide the training and support needed for criminal investigations and to ensure the safety of the citizens of Erie County.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

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