

June 16, 2022

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 8

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR MEYERS.  
CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. COMM. 11E-15 (2022)  
**SHERIFF**  
WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff’s Office offers numerous educational and re-entry programs for incarcerated individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office seeks to renew its contract with Prisoners are People Too, Inc; and

WHEREAS, Prisoners are People Too, Inc., will provide a series of presentations over 10-weeks titled “Restorative Circles.”

The topics will include:

- Living Together as a Community;
- Exploring Dimensions of Identity/Who am I Really?
- Core Self/Seeing the Light Instead of the Lampshade;
- Pick an Emotion/Emotional Weather Report;
- Unfairness in Life/Jesse’s Story/ Dealing with Losses in My Life;
- Understanding trauma/ What Went Right in Your Family;
- Gender Box/Self-Love;
- Elements of Healthy Relationships/Choosing Trustworthy Friends;
- Family Connections;
- Talking about Sex/sexual Relationships and Emotional Needs.

and

WHEREAS, the contract will not exceed \$4,950.00, and the term will be one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, these professional agreements will not have any fiscal impact on the 2022 County Budget because commissary funds will be utilized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff’s Office to enter into an agreement with Prisoners are People Too, Inc., 4305 Union Road, Cheektowaga, New York 14225; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Comptroller’s Office is hereby authorized to release the designated funds and make any payments for the approved agreements; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, The County Attorney, County Comptroller, Division of Budget and Finance, Division of Purchasing, and the Sheriff’s Office for implementation.  
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2. COMM. 11E-16 (2022)  
**SHERIFF**  
WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Mental Health’s Suicide Prevention Center (OMH SPC) and the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc., founded the CARES UP grant and created programming to help first responders and uniformed personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff’s Office has been selected to receive \$40,000.00 from the group; and

WHEREAS, this funding will be utilized to develop a mental health, wellness, and resiliency program for the agency; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of this demonstration project is to develop programming to prevent officer and first-responder suicides; and

WHEREAS, the program will be developed in conjunction with the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene and the New York State Office of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, this resolution accepts \$40,000.00 in grant funding and will provide for all expenses needed to support this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff to enter into a contract with the New York State Office of Mental Health Suicide Prevention Center to accept \$40,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Fund Center is 11510, and the grant will be allocated to the following accounts:

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
FY 2021 CARES UP Grant

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>DECREASE</u>
409020	Revenue	<u>\$40,000.00</u>
<u>APPROPRIATION</u>		<u>INCREASE</u>
501000	Overtime	\$36,800.00
505000	Office Supplies	\$500.00
510500	Out of Area Travel	\$1,700.00

530000	Other Expenses	\$1,000.00
	Total Revenue	<u>\$40,000.00</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to make the necessary transfers and to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate these transfers should there be any unforeseen issues; 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, certified copies of the approved resolution shall be sent to the County Executive, the County Attorney, the Division of Purchasing, the Erie County Comptroller’s Office, and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff’s Office for implementation.  
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3. COMM. 11E-17 (2022)  
**SHERIFF**  
WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office has been the primary law enforcement agency at the stadium for the Buffalo Bills’ home games; and

WHEREAS, currently, there is an agreement the Erie County Sheriff’s Office post 155 Deputies at each Bills’ game at the Stadium for public safety; and

WHEREAS, since the pandemic, the Sheriff’s Office has found it increasingly difficult to fulfill the posts with the current manpower pool, and because there are only 155 active positions, the Sheriff’s Office cannot increase the reserve of qualified individuals to fill positions if someone calls in sick or cannot work the event for other reasons; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office seeks to increase this manpower pool to ensure the agency meets the required amount of posts set forth in the agreement between the County and the Buffalo Bills; and

WHEREAS, because of the agreement, the Sheriff’s Office is limited to the number of seasonal Deputies it can deploy at the event. Therefore, the Sheriff’s Office is not seeking to increase the number of deployed Deputies, rather to have access to a larger to pool call upon when individuals cannot work events; and

WHEREAS, because there is a limit to the number of Deputies deployed for the event, there is no financial impact to the 2022 County Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Erie County Sheriff’s Office and the Personnel Department to create seventy (70) Deputy Sheriff Security Reserve (Seasonal) positions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management and the Commissioner of Personnel are authorized to make any changes necessary to effectuate the change; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive’s Office, the Department of Personnel, the Division of Budget and Management, and the Erie County Sheriff’s Office.  
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4. COMM. 11E-18 (2022)  
**SHERIFF**  
WHEREAS, due to the responsibilities and schedules of the Undersheriff and the Jail Management Superintendent, it is appropriate and necessary to create confidential secretaries for the positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office has identified three vacant positions that can be deleted to fund the two Confidential Secretary positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office is deleting one Records Clerk position (#7794) with total yearly wages of \$41,132.00, one Records Clerk (#51005966) with total yearly wages of \$47,925.00, and one Receptionist position (#51011253) with annual totals wage of \$33,440.00; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office is creating a Confidential Secretary – Undersheriff (JG 8, step 0) and a Secretary – Superintendent Correctional Facility (JG 7, step 0); and

WHEREAS, Section 2507b of the Erie County Charter states that independently elected officials have the power to manage their departments within the parameters of their adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, the funds needed to effectuate this change are available within the Erie County Sheriff’s Office adopted 2022 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Erie County Sheriff’s Office and the Personnel Department to delete the following positions:  
One (1) Records Clerk position, Position #7794, JG 6;  
One (1) Records Clerk position, Position 51005966, JG 6;  
One (1) Receptionist position, Position #51011253, JG 5; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the Personnel Department to create one (1) Confidential Secretary – Undersheriff, Job Group 8, step 0 position with an annual wage of \$47,815.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the Personnel Department to create one (1) Confidential Secretary – Superintendent Correctional Facility, Job Group 7, step 0 position with an annual wage of \$45,026.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management and the Commissioner of Personnel are authorized to make any changes necessary to effectuate the change; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the Department of Personnel, the Division of Budget and Management, and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

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**HOWARD J. JOHNSON, JR.**  
**CHAIR**