

March 1, 2010

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 3

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 2M-14 (2010)
GARY W. WALDMAN: "Letter to Legislature Concerning Probation Department Firearm Policy"
(5-0)
2. INTRO 4-5 (2010)
WALTER, MILLS, RATH, DIXON, FUDOLI, AS AMENDED
HARDWICK, WHYTE, KOZUB, KENNEDY,
GRANT, BOVE & LOUGHRAN
WHEREAS, first responders routinely put themselves in harm's way to selflessly protect individuals in need of emergency assistance; and

WHEREAS, the individuals who serve as first responders ensure not only our public safety, but also preserve our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, our state must recognize the importance of the service of our uniformed public servants and stand ready to assist these individuals, their spouses and children when, in the course of their service to the community, they are injured and become permanently and totally disabled; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A. 4444 and Senate Bill S. 528 give a yearly cost-of-living adjustment to the benefits of any total and permanently disabled volunteer firefighter & volunteer ambulance worker in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A. 2204 and Senate Bill S. 2944 provide tuition awards at schools in the S.U.N.Y. and C.U.N.Y. systems to children of firefighters, police officers, volunteer firefighters, and EMT's with total and permanent disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A. 4569 and Senate Bill S. 543 authorize distinctive license plates to the vehicles of severely disabled volunteer firefighters, subject to an annual \$15 surcharge; and

WHEREAS, each of these bills provides much needed benefits to disabled first responders and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby support the passage and signing into law of Assembly bills A. 4444, A. 2204 and A. 4569, and Senate bills S. 528, S.2944 and S. 543, which provide benefits for first responders with total and permanent disabilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor David Paterson, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Majority Leader John Sampson and the local delegation to the New York State Legislature.
(5-0)

3. COMM. 4E-17 (2010)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's is responsible for the health care at the Erie County Correctional Facility and the Erie County Holding Center; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health provides medical oversight and staff who provide health care at the Erie County Correctional Facility and Erie County Holding Center under an Interdepartmental Agreement with the Erie County Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 a task force was formed to review the provision of health and mental health care in the two facilities overseen by the Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the Sheriff's Office, the Department of Law, the Departments of Health and Mental Health requested that the National Commission of Correctional Health Care provide technical assistance regarding health services at the facilities. Using national accepted standards, the purpose was to assess the state of health service delivery and make recommendations for improvement. This undertaking was funded by a grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this assessment a comprehensive plan was prepared which included specific steps to be taken to correct deficiencies outlined in the report of the National Commission of Correctional Health; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive plan included transitioning medical aide positions to registered nurse positions as they become vacant; and

WHEREAS, in order to efficiently meet program mandates it is necessary to implement staffing adjustments as outlined in the comprehensive plan by creating four full-time and two regular part-time positions of Registered Nurse, JG N-1 as indicated on B100 #5334 and deleting four vacant full-time

positions of Holding Center Medical Aide, JG 7, and two vacant part-time positions of Registered Nurse HC, JG N-1, as indicated on B100 # 5334; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available within the Division to fully fund this request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the creation of four full-time and two regular part-time positions of Registered Nurse, JG N-1, as indicated on B100 #5334, and the deletion of four vacant full-time positions of Holding Center Medical Aide, JG 7, position numbers 51007717, 51007718, 51007719, 51007720 and two vacant part-time positions of Registered Nurse HC, JG N-1, position numbers 51007835 and 51007836 within the Health Department, Health Division – Jail Medical Services Holding Center Cost Center 1271720, as outlined below:

DELETE: Four vacant full-time positions of Holding Center Medical Aide, JG 7, position numbers 51007717, 51007718, 51007719, and 51007720 and two vacant part-time positions of Registered Nurse HC, JG N-1, position numbers 51007835 and 51007836

ADD: Four full-time and two regular part-time positions of Registered Nurse, JG N-1 positions B100#5334

and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funds are available within the Division to fully fund this request; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Sheriff, the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Department of Personnel, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law and to Dr. Anthony J. Billittier, IV, Commissioner, in the Erie County Department of Health, 9th Floor, Rath Building.
(5-0)

4. **COMM. 4E-19 (2010)**
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo has been awarded funding under the Justice Assistance Grant program through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Police Department seeks the assistance of Central Police Services to provide law enforcement software enhancements for its projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby granted to the County Executive to accept funding from the City of Buffalo in the amount of \$16,456; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to establish the grant in the budget of the Department of Central Police Services as follows:

Grant Fund-SAP#165 CPSJAG0812
Central Police Services
10/01/08 - 09/30/12

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>
479100 Other – Local Source	\$16,456

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Increase</u>
516020 Professional Services Contracts	\$16,456

Total Appropriation	\$16,456
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and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to contract with Globalquest Solutions Inc., a local WBE/New York State contract vendor, in the amount of \$16,456 to provide the professional technical staff for this project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to establish and adjust budgets as required to comply with State-approved funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolutions be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Central Police Services, c/o Kathy Gumulak.
(5-0)

CHRISTINA W. BOVE
CHAIR