

December 8, 2016

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 15

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATORS GRANT & MORTON.  
CHAIR MILLS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 21M-7 (2016)  
**MEDICAL REVIEW BOARD, NYS COMMISSION OF CORRECTION:** “Transmittal Regarding EC Holding Center and David Liddick”  
(Chair’s Motion)
  - b. COMM. 21M-8 (2016)  
**MEDICAL REVIEW BOARD, NYS COMMISSION OF CORRECTION:** “Transmittal Regarding EC Holding Center and Richard Metcalf”  
(Chair’s Motion)
  - c. COMM. 23E-23 (2016)  
**RATH:** “Letter to Central Police Services Commissioner Requesting a Report Concerning the Shut-Down Test of the 911 Back-Up System”  
(Chair’s Motion)
2. COMM. 23E-21 (2016)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has agreed to provide funding in the amount of \$172,000 in federal assistance to continue the implementation of the hazmat program to enhance the ability of Erie County to manage emergency and disaster situations; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required from the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into contact and accept \$172,000 in federal resources to provide funding for training of personnel and the purchase of necessary equipment to enhance the ability of Erie County to manage emergency and disaster situations,

WHEREAS, this is a regional grant and Erie County is required to assist the Erie County Hazmat team, Niagara County Hazmat team and the Buffalo Fire Hazmat team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to enter into contract with the NYS Department of Homeland Security to receive \$172,000 in grant funding for the Department of Emergency Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this grant, under the Department of Emergency Services, will meet the goals and objectives; and be it further

RESOLVED, these funds will be utilized to enhance the ability of Erie County to manage emergency and disaster situations; and be it further

RESOLVED, these funds will be utilized to assist the Erie County Hazmat Team, Niagara County Hazmat Team and the Buffalo Fire Hazmat Team; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management to establish funding in the Grant Fund 281, as follows:

Erie County Department of Emergency Services  
FY 2016 Hazmat Grant

Revenue	Increase
Account 414000 Federal Aid	\$172,000
Appropriations	Increase
Account 510100 Travel	\$18,000
Account 516030 Maintenance Contracts	\$33,000
Account 561410 Lab & Technical Equipment	<u>\$121,000</u>
Total Appropriations	172,000

; 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 and Federal approved funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Personnel, the Department of Emergency Services c/o Melissa Calhoun, the County Comptroller, and the County Attorney.  
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3. COMM. 23E-22 (2016)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, Detective Steven Meerboth is retiring after nearly 30-years of service with the Erie County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Detective Meerboth is a New York State certified fire investigation specialist and canine handler and is currently the handler for accelerant detection canine Blaze; and

WHEREAS, it is tradition and practical for retiring K9 officers to have the option to retire with their partner; and

WHEREAS, Detective Meerboth is retiring from the Erie County Sheriff's Office on December 31, 2016, and the parties desire to transfer ownership on the close of business on December 31, and

WHEREAS, Storm was accepted from the New York State Police and was trained as an Explosion Detection canine; and

WHEREAS, due to age and on-going health issues, Storm will be retiring from service on January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, since the handler/canine relationship is special and unique it is appropriate to transfer ownership to the handler.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Legislature hereby authorized the Erie County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff's Office to enter into an agreement with Deputy James Kelley for the consideration of one (1) U.S. Dollar for the transfer of ownership of Storm; and be it further

RESOLVED, Deputy Kelley shall assume full responsibility for the canine under such agreement and shall further hold the County of Erie and the Erie County Sheriff's Office harmless against any and all liability; be it further

RESOLVED, the Legislature hereby authorized the Erie County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff's Office to enter into an agreement with Detective Steven Meerboth for the consideration of one (1) U.S. Dollar for the transfer of ownership of Blaze; and be it further

RESOLVED, Detective Meerboth shall assume full responsibility for the canine under such agreement and shall further hold the County of Erie and the Erie County Sheriff's Office harmless against any and all liability; be it further

RESOLVED, Certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, Erie county Purchasing Department, the County Attorney, the Erie County Comptroller, and the Office of the Sheriff for implementation.

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4. COMM. 23E-32 (2016)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Department of Central Police Services is in the process of upgrading the CHARMS system which is utilized by law enforcement agencies throughout Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the E-911 Fund provides support for the CHARMS system; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the E-911 Fund to provide for the system upgrade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to issue a purchase order to Globalquest Staffing Solutions, Inc., a local WBE/New York State contract vendor, in the amount of \$15,960 to provide the professional technical staff for this project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, the Bureau of Purchase, and the Department of Central Police Services, attention: Brian Speers.

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