

June 16, 2016

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 9

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR SAVAGE.  
CHAIR MILLS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. COMM. 11E-29 (2015)  
**SHERIFF AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office helicopter (Air-1) has been grounded for the past four weeks for a mandatory Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) maintenance inspection; and

WHEREAS, these mandatory maintenance inspections are performed after 600 hours of flight time or after a twenty-four month period from the previous inspection, which ever period comes first; and

WHEREAS, the last FFA maintenance inspection was conducted in 2014; and

WHEREAS, during this mandatory grounding, every part of the aircraft is thoroughly inspected and will not be approved for flight until all inspection issues are resolved; and

WHEREAS, during this maintenance inspection, a wear issue with the Aerial 1 Delta 1 Modular 4 (a power exchange unit for the engine) was discovered and therefore this part and an installation kit needs to be ordered; and

WHEREAS, without this part and necessary installation kit, Air-1 will fail inspection and remain grounded; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office Air-1 is the only helicopter in the Western New York Region with a forward looking infrared (FLIR) camera and hoisting capabilities; and

WHEREAS, over the past few weeks, the absence of Air-1 service for three separate Attempt to Locate incidents in Zoar Valley has proven the helicopter's value and importance to the Erie County Sheriff's Office, area first responders, and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Seized Asset Forfeiture Account balance as of June 15, 2015 is \$117,798.67; and

WHEREAS, the funds transferred from the Seized Assets Forfeiture Account for aircraft maintenance costs are an U.S. Department of Justice authorized expenditure; and

WHEREAS, the sheriff's office has conferred with the County Executive and the Director of Purchasing as to the emergency nature of this order; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has issued an emergency declaration to waive the county's standard bidding process for this one time purchase; and

WHEREAS, Turbomeca USA is the vendor for the necessary engine part and installation kit; and

WHEREAS, Turbomeca USA is the helicopter engine manufacturer for more than 2300 engines that are flying in the United States for emergency medical service agencies, tourism, law enforcement, utility, and government agencies such as the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Army, Customs and Border Patrol, and FBI.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that up to \$46,000.00 in available balances in the Asset Forfeiture Trust Fund is hereby transferred to the Erie County Sheriff's Office Asset Forfeiture Funded Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transactions are hereby authorized:

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff – SAFS Funded Program

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>DECREASE</u>
421550	Forfeiture Crime Proceeds	\$ (46,000.00)

<u>APPROPRIATION</u>		<u>INCREASE</u>
506200	Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 46,000.00
Total Revenue		<u>\$ 46,000.00</u>

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that designated Seized Asset Fund expenditure meets the criteria established by the U.S. Department of Justice for the use of equitable shared funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the Division of Budget and Management are authorized to have any unused funding either remain in or returned to the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Comptroller's Office is hereby authorized to release the designated funds and make any payments necessary to Turbomeca USA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, the County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, the Division of Purchase and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff Office for implementation.

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2. COMM. 11E-22 (2016)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo has been awarded funding under the Justice Assistance Grant program through the U.S. Department of Justice; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the authorization is hereby provided for the County Executive to accept grant funding from the City of Buffalo in the amount of \$6,000; and be it further

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

Grant Fund – SAP #165CPSJAG1519  
Central Police Services  
10/1/15 – 9/30/19

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>
414000 Federal Aid	\$6,000
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Increase</u>
516020 Professional Services Contracts	\$6,000
Total Appropriation	\$6,000

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the authorization is hereby provided to contract with Globalquest Solutions, Inc., a local WBE/New York State contract vendor selected after a request for proposals, in the amount of \$6,000 to provide the professional technical staff for these projects; 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 Federal approved funding levels; 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, and the Department of Central Police Services, attention: Brian Speers.

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