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DATE: September 23, 2014

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: George N. Longworth
Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety

RE: Authority to enter into Inter-Municipal Agreements with one or more of the municipalities located in Westchester County for the use of the County's Firing Range located at the County's Police Academy in Valhalla, New York for firearms training

Authorization is requested for the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety Services (the "Department"), to enter into Inter-Municipal Agreements ("IMAs") with one or more Westchester County municipal corporations as defined in Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law ("Municipality") in order to have public safety employees from such Municipalities utilize the County's Firing Range located at the County's Police Academy in Valhalla, New York ("Firing Range") for firearms training. The IMAs will have five (5) year terms commencing upon execution and both parties will have the right to terminate the agreement on thirty (30) days' notice to the other.

In exchange for the use of the Firing Range, which will be staffed by a Department safety officer, each Municipality will pay a flat fee of Six Hundred Thirty (\$630.00) Dollars per eight hour tour, for a maximum number of 36 officers in attendance. This charge is based solely on a blended hourly rate for the Department's safety officer that accommodates straight time and overtime costs. The Firing Range will be operated under the direction of the safety officer. The Municipality will adhere to all instructions issued by the Department's safety officer. A Municipality shall have the option of requesting the Department provide a firearms instructor to assist with the training process of its employees. If the Municipality requests a firearms instructor, the Municipality shall pay an additional fee equal to \$80.79 per hour or \$646.32 per eight hour tour. Any one attending the Firing Range shall be responsible to bring his/her own weapons and ammunition.

In the event that police officers from a Municipality provide instruction at the County's Police Academy located in Valhalla, New York, under separate agreement between the County and the Municipality, the Commissioner of the Department, or his designee, may provide such

Municipality with a credit equal to one eight hour tour at the Firing Range for each seven (7) hours of instruction at the Police Academy.

The County has entered into of number of IMAs since 2008 with municipalities throughout Westchester to use the Firing Range for firearms training. The program has proven successful and it is recommended that the County continues this valuable program. In furtherance thereof, the Westchester County Board of Legislators authorized these agreements at a meeting duly held on September 8, 2014 by Act No. 2014-152.

The goals and objectives of this program are to ensure that the Westchester County local municipal police departments have available to them this state of the art Firing Range. The proposed IMAs are in the public's best interest and will promote the safety and general welfare of the public by ensuring that the Westchester County law enforcement officers are trained and recertified in a suitable environment.

The Department will monitor these agreements as Public Safety staff manage the facility and are present during all training sessions.

Based upon the foregoing, I most respectfully recommend approval of the attached Resolution.

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Attachment

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety Services ("Department"), is hereby authorized to enter into Inter-Municipal Agreements ("IMAs") with one or more Westchester County municipal corporations as defined in Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law ("Municipality") in order to have public safety employees from such Municipalities utilize the County's Firing Range located at the County's Police Academy in Valhalla, New York ("Firing Range") for firearms training for a five year term commencing upon execution, with a mutual right to terminate the agreement on thirty (30) days notice to the other; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that in exchange for the use of the Firing Range, which will be staffed by a Department safety officer, each Municipality will pay a flat fee of Six Hundred Thirty (\$630.00) Dollars per eight hour tour, for a maximum number of 36 officers in attendance. This charge is based solely on a blended hourly rate for the Department's safety officer that accommodates straight time and overtime costs. The Firing Range will be operated under the direction of the safety officer and the Municipality will adhere to all instructions issued by the Department's safety officer; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that each Municipality, for an additional fee equal to \$80.79 per hour or \$646.32 per eight hour tour, shall have the option of requesting the Department provide a firearms instructor to assist with the training process of its employees. Any one attending the Firing Range shall be responsible to bring his/her own weapons and ammunition; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event that police officers from a Municipality provide instruction at the County's Police Academy located in Valhalla, New York, under separate agreement between the County and the Municipality, the Commissioner of the Department, or his designee, may provide such Municipality with a credit equal to one eight hour tour at the Firing Range for each seven (7) hours of instruction at the Police Academy; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all instruments and take all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Dollars
2015	101	38	3000	9230	\$10,000
2016	101	38	3000	9230	\$10,000
2017	101	38	3000	9230	\$10,000
2018	101	38	3000	9230	\$10,000
2019	101	38	3000	9230	\$10,000

Budget Funding Year(s) _____ Start Date upon execution End Date 5 years
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
\$50,000 Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other Revenue \$50,000

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 10/16/2014 - JIMMY VEIRA, SECRETARY