

Memorandum

Department of Public Safety
Drug Prevention & STOP DWI

Date: April 7, 2017

To: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: George N. Longworth
Commissioner – Sheriff of Public Safety

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to amend an intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Port Chester for the implementation of the STOP-DWI Patrol/Datamaster Project for a five (5) year period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020, by increasing the City's annual funding allocation by an additional \$4,100 per year for the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020.

By resolution approved on May 26, 2016, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Public Safety Services ("Department") to enter into intermunicipal agreements ("IMAs") with one or more Westchester County municipal corporations as defined in Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law for the implementation of the STOP-DWI Patrol/Datamaster Project ("STOP-DWI Program") for a term commencing on January 1, 2016 and continuing through December 31, 2020. The Resolution further authorized the County to reimburse each participating municipal corporation an amount not to exceed \$8,400.00 per year. Pursuant to the authority granted by the Resolution, the County, *inter alia*, entered into an IMA with the Village of Port Chester in accordance with the terms hereinabove described.

The Village of Port Chester has reported an ongoing problem with drunk driving within the Village. This was evident with 27 arrests in the one month of December (17 of these arrests were made with funds from the STOP-DWI Program). Over the past two years, the Village of Port Chester Police Department made a total of 216 DWI related arrests. These numbers far exceed the averages of the other municipalities throughout Westchester. The officers are committed to continuing an aggressive approach in combating DWI and are requesting the availability of additional funds to allow for more details. Evidence shows that having the presence of more police on patrol during peak drinking hours (evenings and weekends) decreases the probability of drunk driving. In addition, the extra presence of the police sends a message to the

community that the police are there to enforce the laws and protect them from reckless and dangerous drunk driving. The police department has also increased their community outreach programs to inform and educate the community to the dangers of drinking and driving.

In order to enable the Village to participate in other STOP-DWI details throughout the year, authority is respectfully requested to amend the IMA with the Village for the limited purpose of increasing the Village's annual funding allocation by an additional \$4,100 per year, from \$8,400 to \$12,500 per year, for the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020.

The STOP-DWI Program has successfully initiated and coordinated efforts to reduce the number of alcohol and drug-related traffic injuries and deaths by providing municipalities with enforcement funding, coordinating prosecution efforts, and informing and educating the public as to the legal and social consequences of driving while intoxicated in Westchester County. The goals and objectives of this program are to ensure the continuation of this program's success. The County has experienced a significant decline in DWI deaths as a result of STOP-DWI projects. The continuation of this program is in the public's best interest and will promote the safety and general welfare of the public. The Department will monitor these agreements by reviewing the quarterly reports submitted by the municipalities to the STOP-DWI Office to ensure that all procedures are in compliance with the stipulations set forth in the agreement.

The STOP-DWI Program is funded by the return from the State of New York to the County of DWI-DWAI fines collected in Westchester. As such, no tax levy monies support the STOP-DWI Program.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions of the IMA with the Village shall remain in full force and effect.

It should be noted that on April 3, 2017 by Act No. 53-2017, the Westchester County Board of Legislators authorized the County to amend the IMA with the Village as herein described.

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

GNL/JPG/jg
Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety Services (the “Department”) is authorized to amend an Intermunicipal Agreement (the “IMA”) with the Village of Port Chester for the implementation of the STOP-DWI Patrol/Datamaster Project for a five (5) year period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020, by increasing the Village’s annual funding allocation by an additional \$4,100 per year, from \$8,400 to \$12,500 per year, for the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020; and be it further

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

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
711	71	009R	8500	T009	\$4,100
711	71	009S	8500	T009	\$4,100
711	71	009T	8500	T009	\$4,100
711	71	009U	8500	T009	\$4,100
711	71	009V	8500	T009	\$4,100

Budget Funding Year(s) 2016-2020 Start Date: January 1, 2016 End Date: December 31, 2020
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
State Aid _____
\$ 20,500.00 Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution) Other: STOP-DWI Program Grant