

DATE: February 9, 2010

TO: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

RE: **Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into Inter-Municipal Agreements with its constituent municipalities for a Police Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan commencing upon the expiration of the original agreements and terminating five (5) years after the commencement date.**

On June 6, 2005, the Westchester County Board of Legislators enacted Local Law Intro. No. 8-2005 which authorized the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety ("Department") to enter into inter-municipal agreements ("IMAs") for Police Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan for the Police Departments of Westchester County to carry out the purposes described in Section 209-m of the New York State General Municipal Law. A Resolution authorizing the County to enter into these IMAs was approved by your Honorable Board on June 30, 2005 and agreements were executed thereafter. The authorization for these IMAs was for a five year term commencing upon execution, with an option to enter into one 5 year renewal term.

The County desires to exercise its option to renew the Agreement. Accordingly, the attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, will authorize the County to exercise its renewal option on the same terms and conditions, for a term commencing upon expiration of the original agreements and continuing for five (5) years.

Public Purpose: Prevailing world and national security situations, constantly increasing diverse incidents, the ever increasing flow of intelligence, and actual threats directed against once benign sites and facilities necessitate the proposed IMA(s). The proposed IMAs are in the public's best interest and will promote the safety and general welfare of the public by enabling the Police Departments of Westchester County to respond in a uniform manner to a call for assistance.

Goals and Objectives: The goals and objectives of this program are to insure that an acknowledged plan, based upon Section 209-m of the New York State General Municipal Law, codifies requests and responses to such requests during times of natural or manmade disasters and emergency situations.

Furthermore, through these IMAs, the County police and local municipal police departments can request from, and render mutual aid to each other, in the form of personnel, equipment and supplies when the requesting agency's resources are insufficient to address such local situations.

In addition, the Police Mutual Aid and Rapid Response plan establishes predetermined response levels of all signatory agencies, which provides for a more effective response.

Tracking/Monitoring: The Department, along with all participating agencies will monitor the efforts of this program and its effectiveness by producing after action reports on three (3) annual drills and actual event activations.

Based upon the foregoing, authority is hereby requested for the County to enter into IMAs with its constituent municipalities for the provision of Police Mutual Aid and Rapid Response.

GNL/tsa

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 2-25-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that authority is hereby granted to the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Public Safety, to renew the Inter-municipal Agreements for a Police Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan for the Police Departments of Westchester County to carry out the purposes described in Section 209-m of the New York State General Municipal Law, commencing upon expiration of the original agreements and terminating five (5) years after the commencement date, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute such documents and take such actions as may be 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
					N/A

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010-2015 Start Date: upon expiration of original agreement End Date: 5 years
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
\$ N/A Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other _____