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DATE: May 27, 2015

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

RE: **Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into Intermunicipal Agreements with its constituent municipalities for the continuation of the Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan. The Intermunicipal Agreements shall commence upon execution and shall terminate five (5) years after the commencement date**

On May 11, 2015, the Westchester County Board of Legislators enacted Local Law Intro. No. 8087-2015 which authorized the County to continue the Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan for the Police Departments of Westchester County for the benefit of participating municipalities within the County of Westchester to carry out the purposes described in Section 209-m of the New York General Municipal Law. The Police Mutual Aid Plan is to be reviewed and revised as necessary. Revisions to the Plan will be approved and implemented by the Westchester County Chiefs of Police Association.

The Police Mutual Aid Plan is to be effectuated by Intermunicipal Agreements (“IMA(s)”) between the County and the municipalities within the County of Westchester whereby the Chief Executive Officer or Chief of Police of a participating municipality may request or grant police assistance. Local Law Intro. No. 8087-2015 authorized the County to execute such IMAs. The term of the IMAs shall commence upon execution and terminate five (5) years after the commencement date.

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.

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

The Department will monitor this program through review by the Westchester County Chiefs of Police Association, Subcommittee for the Mutual Aid and Rapid Response. Subcommittee members provide organization and execution for Zone Response Drills, including one (1) Annual Full Scale Exercise, to assess the plan's level of participation and effectiveness in achieving its goals and objectives.

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RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that authority is hereby granted to the County of Westchester to enter into Intermunicipal Agreements with its constituent municipalities for the continuation of the Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan, commencing upon execution and terminating five (5) years after the commencement date; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his authorized designee, be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into and execute this agreement for the County of Westchester.

Account to be Charged/credited Revenue N/A	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
						N/A

Budget Funding Years
(must match resolution)

Start Date 08/01/2015

End Date 07/31/2020

Funding Source
\$ _____
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars _____
State Aid _____
Federal Aid _____
Other _____

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