



Office of the County Executive Monroe County Legislature

May 23, 2022

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
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Rochester, New York 14614

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Subject: Amend the 2022 Operating Budget to Appropriate Fund Balance for Violence Response Initiatives of the Monroe County Office of the Sheriff and Create Eleven Deputy Sheriff Road Patrol Positions

Honorable Legislators:

This matter is being submitted to Your Honorable Body as a joint request of County Executive Adam J. Bello and Sheriff Todd K. Baxter.

We recommend that Your Honorable Body amend the 2022 operating budget to appropriate fund balance for violence response initiatives of the Monroe County Office of the Sheriff, and to increase the Table of Organization of the Office of the Sheriff by creating eleven (11) Deputy Sheriff Road Patrol positions, Group 70.

During the past two years our community has experienced unprecedented violence, requiring a multi-disciplinary response that connects law enforcement, clergy, and behavioral health professionals. Such multi-disciplinary teams can provide critical assistance for families directly impacted by violence and enhance jail services aimed at breaking the cycle of violence.

The Monroe County Office of the Sheriff proposes to add eleven (11) new Deputy Sheriff positions. These positions will provide: five (5) deputies for special investigations and support for proactive details targeting the most violent offenders and the most violent areas; three (3) deputies directly assigned to the Sheriff's Substations for law enforcement within the Towns and Villages; one (1) deputy assigned to the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Task Force specifically focused on identifying and interrupting the trafficking of illegal firearms into our area; one (1) deputy to partner with Clergy and Social Workers to conduct follow ups with those families who have experienced the arrest of a family member for gun violence in order to provide timely resources intent on providing alternatives to the family; and one (1) deputy assigned to Criminal Investigations to assist Investigators with the collection and processing of the volumes of digital evidence developed in investigations in order to meet discovery timelines and assist in successful prosecution of violent offenders.

The additional deputies will coordinate with the Rochester Police Department to address violent crime and the additional patrol positions will provide consistent and improved resources for primary policing areas of responsibility in support of violent felony investigations and regular patrols. This funding will also support personnel overtime to assist in addressing personnel demands due to the numerous requests for assistance within the City of Rochester while still maintain sufficient staffing for the Sheriff's Office's primary districts, and may also be applied to proactive investigations within the towns and villages as deemed necessary.

In addition, the Office of the Sheriff will enhance its jail-based Focused Deterrence Intervention program that provides direct engagement with currently incarcerated violent individuals to reduce repeat offenses and better prepare them for successful re-entry into our community.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend the 2022 operating budget to appropriate fund balance in the amount of \$755,000 into the Office of the Sheriff, general fund 9001, funds center 3803070000, Tactical Unit.
2. Amend the 2022 operating budget to appropriate fund balance in the amount of \$275,000 into the Office of the Sheriff, general fund 9001, funds center 3804030000, Prisoner Services.
3. Increase the Table of Organization of the Office of the Sheriff by creating eleven (11) Deputy Sheriff Road Patrol positions, Group 70.

These legislative actions are Type II actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management") and are not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

These budget amendments will require \$1,030,000 of net County support for which fund balance is hereby appropriated.

We recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,



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