



COUNTY OF ERIE  
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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

November 29, 2023

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Authorization to enter into agreement with the Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, Inc.**

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a memorandum and proposed resolution which authorizes the County Executive to enter into agreement with the Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, Inc. and its member clubs individually for the provision of equipment and operators upon request of Erie County during a snow event.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Daniel J. Neaverth Jr., Erie County Homeland Security and Emergency Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/bs  
Enclosure

cc: Daniel J. Neaverth Jr., Commissioner Homeland Security and Emergency Services

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Erie County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services  
**Re:** Authorization to enter into agreement with the Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, Inc.  
**Date:** November 29, 2023

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### **SUMMARY**

It is recommended that the Erie County Legislature authorize the County Executive to enter into agreement with the Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, Inc. and its member clubs individually for the provision of equipment and operators upon request of Erie County during a snow event.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Erie County may reimburse the Federation member clubs for fuel, miscellaneous supplies, operation, maintenance and minor repair costs of equipment in connection with asset deployment during the response to a snow event.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Specialized equipment and trained operators are needed to respond to snow events in Erie County. The individual member clubs of the Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, Inc are willing to volunteer their time and equipment in order to aid in the response to winter storms in Erie County.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The equipment and trained operators available through the Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, Inc will not be activated and utilized during a snow event therefore reducing the overall response capabilities of Erie County.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Upon approval of the resolution, an agreement between Erie County and the Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, Inc and its member clubs will be executed which details the process for asset activation and reimbursement guidelines.

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

RE: Authorization to enter into agreement with the Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, Inc.

WHEREAS, specialized equipment and operators are necessary to adequately respond to winter storms in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, Inc. is comprised of ten member-clubs which are willing and able to provide equipment and operators for deployment by Erie County during snow events; and

WHEREAS, the ability to mobilize this additional equipment and manpower will strengthen the snow emergency response capabilities of Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute an agreement with the Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, Inc. and its member clubs individually for the provision of equipment and operators upon request of Erie County during a snow event; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Program of Risk Management Self-Insurance is hereby extended for the benefit of the Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, its member clubs individually, and any individual machine operators while acting within the scope of services contemplated by the agreement authorized above. Such self-insurance extension shall be afforded on a claim-by-claim basis as determined by the County Attorney. Any self-insurance extended under these terms shall be considered secondary insurance to any applicable insurance policy held by or for the benefit of the Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, its member clubs individually, or any individual machine operators; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Department of Law, and Division of Budget and Management.