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SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

October 17, 2025

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin St.
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Searchlight Purchase

Honorable Members:

Attached, please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum authorizing the Purchasing Director to create any and all documents necessary to complete the purchase of a Trakka TLX System for the Erie County Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit.

Representatives of the Sheriff's Office will be made available to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

John C. Garcia
Sheriff of Erie County

Attachments

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Sheriff's Office
Re: Searchlight Purchase
Date: October 17, 2025

Summary of Recommended Action

This resolution authorizes the Purchasing Director to complete the purchase of a Trakka TLX System for the Erie County Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit. This item is a searchlight that has been installed on Air 1.

Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Funds to complete this purchase will be expended from the Erie County Sheriff's Office, Police Services Division operating budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 11510), GL #561410 – Lab and Technical Equipment.

Reasons for Recommendation

Earlier this year, the Purchasing Director put out a bid for a searchlight for the Erie County Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit. The bid was awarded to Great Lakes Aviation Services LLC. After the bid was placed and prior to shipping, a tariff was placed on the product totaling \$8,476.05. As this cost was not included in the original bid (and could not have been contemplated, as the tariff did not exist at the time), approval of this item by this Honorable Body is required for the Purchasing Director to pay the resulting invoice.

Consequences of Negative Action

The Purchasing Director will be unable to pay an outstanding \$8,476.05 invoice related to the purchase of a Trakka TLX searchlight for the Erie County Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit.

Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of the approved resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Comptroller, the Purchasing Director and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Re: Searchlight Purchase

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Erie County Sheriff's Office to provide quality public safety services to our community by promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction, with an emphasis on integrity, fairness and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, a searchlight is a crucial piece of equipment for the Erie County Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit, as it is capable of illuminating the ground in no light, low light situations; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Director awarded Great Lakes Aviation Services LLC a bid for a Trakka TLX System earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office must authorize the payment of an additional tariff in the amount of \$8,476.05 that was not in place and could not have been contemplated when the bid was placed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Purchasing Director is authorized to create any and all necessary documents to complete the purchase of a Trakka TLX System searchlight for the Erie County Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Sheriff's Office waives the procedures, as impractical, provided for in Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code for the purposes of paying any outstanding invoices related to the purchase of this searchlight; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this approved resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Comptroller, the Purchasing Director and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT: As Indicated