

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive

RESOLUTION NO. 1096 -2014, APPROVING A TEMPORARY INCREASE TO THE FLEET FOR THE SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S NARCOTICS SECTION'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE'S CIGARETTE STRIKE FORCE AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY THROUGH THE USE OF ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Police Department's Narcotics Section seeks to participate in the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance's Cigarette Strike Force, the goal of which is to stop the influx of counterfeit and untaxed cigarettes into New York State and trace the illicit proceeds of such; and

WHEREAS, the Strike Force consists of federal, state and local law enforcement personnel and is intended to increase the intelligence knowledge of law enforcement by utilizing the most up to date investigative tools for the purpose of recovering and sharing tax and fines, which is due to New York State; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Strike Force is to disrupt and dismantle major cigarette trafficking organizations within New York State by reducing the availability of illegal cigarettes and tobacco; and

WHEREAS, the Police Commissioner finds that an undercover vehicle is needed to successfully participate in the Cigarette Strike Force; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Police Department is given authorization to temporarily increase the Police fleet by one vehicle (undercover vehicle to be determined), which lease will be funded through the use of Asset Forfeiture funds.

DATED: December 2, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 11, 2014