

RESOLUTION NO. 651 -2013, DIRECTING THE SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY CALL CENTER ACTION TEAM

WHEREAS, the County's 911 Call Center has been understaffed, as high as 20% understaffed, for a number of months; and

WHEREAS, 911 Call Center Operators are mandated to work overtime hours in as many as three out of five shifts a week; and

WHEREAS, despite the strong support of the Legislature since November 2012 for additional staff for the 911 Call Center, a significant number of new positions were not approved until April 2013; and

WHEREAS, 911 Call Center Operators are highly trained individuals and it will take several months to recruit, screen and train new call center workers; and

WHEREAS, there may be a number of 911 call center retirees who are willing to return to the center on a temporary and or part-time basis; and

WHEREAS, an Emergency Call Center Action Team made up of individuals trained who can respond during severe weather events and busy summer weekends and holidays would be extremely useful and reduce the stress on the current Call Center Operators who are overworked; and

WHEREAS, the busiest time of year for the 911 call center is upon us; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Police Department will reach out to recent 911 call center retirees still residing in Suffolk County to offer temporary per diem employment; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Police Department will provide systems training and training on updates to procedures, if necessary; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Police Department shall request that the County Executive establish a new title and salary line for temporary emergency dispatchers; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the amount of funds to be expended during 2013 in connection with the implementation of the 1st RESOLVED clause of this Resolution shall not exceed Two Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$200,000); and be it further

5th RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21), and/or (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations,

rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: July 30, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: August 13, 2013