

**RESOLUTION NO. 231 -2014, TAKING COMMON SENSE
MEASURES TO PROTECT FRONT LINE EMPLOYEES FROM
CARBON MONOXIDE**

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk is responsible for protecting the health and safety of County employees to the fullest extent practicable; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Police Officers go into unpredictable situations on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless tasteless gas that is produced through the incomplete burning of fuel and is toxic to humans; and

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide poisoning can have physical effects even at low levels, including flu-like symptoms, headache, fatigue, shortness of breath nausea and dizziness; and

WHEREAS, high level exposure to carbon monoxide can cause vomiting, mental confusion, loss of consciousness and death; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that thousands of buildings in Suffolk County have some form of carbon monoxide leak; and

WHEREAS, small, individual carbon monoxide detectors that clip onto a shirt lapel or keychain are available and are used by some fire safety professionals; and

WHEREAS, the County should examine the options available for protecting police officers from the dangerous effects of carbon monoxide; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Police Department is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to evaluate the options available to provide portable carbon monoxide detectors to members of the Police Department, the costs associated with same and provide recommendations as to which officers and units should be provided with such equipment; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Police Department shall present its findings and recommendations in written form to the County Executive, each member of the County Legislature and the Clerk of the Legislature within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Police Department's report and recommendations may be used to consider the expansion of any resulting program to include probation officers and public health nurses; and be it further

4th 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 (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: March 19, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: April 3, 2014