

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive and Legislator Spencer

**RESOLUTION NO. 837 -2014, AMENDING SUFFOLK COUNTY
RESOLUTION NOS. 1055-1984 AND 1262-1985,
ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC
ACCIDENT REPORT WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK**

WHEREAS, in 1984, the Suffolk County Legislature enacted Resolution No. 1055-1984, which directed the Commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD) to review, study, and develop a Uniform Traffic Accident Report for use by the SCPD; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1055-1984 further specified that the Uniform Traffic Accident Report must include, but not be limited to, provisions for the detailed identification of witnesses, statements by witnesses, collision diagrams, and comparable information; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1055-1984 also provided that the Uniform Traffic Accident Report, when approved by the Legislature, would be in addition to, and not as a substitute for, SCPD Field Reports, Police Accident Reports mandated by Section 603 of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law, Police Evidence Recovery Sheets, Police Continuation Reports and Police Supplementary Reports; and

WHEREAS, in response to the directives of Resolution No. 1055-1984, the SCPD developed, and the Legislature approved via Suffolk County Resolution No. 1262-1985, the PDCS 1010c form, which serves as voluntary, handwritten account to be completed by the witness; and

WHEREAS, the SCPD has been utilizing the PDCS 1010c form in accordance with Resolution Nos. 1055-1984 and 1262-1985; and

WHEREAS, over the ensuing years, a decreasing amount of witnesses have opted to complete the voluntary form, the information contained on the form has become increasingly redundant of information collected through other State mandated forms, and the form, which requires hand-written accounts by the witnesses and which accounts are often illegible, is not conducive to inclusion in electronic format in the TRaCS computer program currently being utilized by the SCPD; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing, the use of the PDCS 1010c form is duplicative, impedes the efficiency of the SCPD when handling motor vehicle crashes and is outdated in assuring accurate and complete documentation of traffic accidents; now, it shall be stated that the use of the form, reissued as PCDS 1010d, will be used to collect statements and/or report data from third party witnesses to a motor vehicle crash, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that Suffolk County Resolution Nos. 1055-1984 and 1262-1985 are amended to state that the PDCS 1010c, re-named " Motor Vehicle Crash Supplement Report for Third Party Witnesses Form, PCDS 1010d"; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this law 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. 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 law.

DATED: October 7, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: October 15, 2014