

**RESOLUTION NO. 271 -2015, TO EXPEDITE TRAINING FOR  
EXPERIENCED POLICE OFFICERS**

**WHEREAS**, no person may be appointed as a police officer on a permanent basis in the State of New York unless they have successfully completed a basic police training course approved by the Municipal Police Training Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Police Training Council has established a minimum standard of 649 hours of training for all police officers in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Police Department conducts its own basic training program for new police officers, which lasts six months; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Police Department sometimes hires persons who have worked in a police officer capacity in another jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these officers hold a valid certificate of completion from a Municipal Police Training Council approved training course; and

**WHEREAS**, persons previously employed as police officers in the State of New York who possess a valid certificate of completion for an approved basic police training course are not required by law or regulation to repeat their basic police training; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Police Department requires all their new officers, including experienced police officers who hold a valid certificate of completion for a Municipal Police Training Council approved course, to go through the entire six month Police Academy training program; and

**WHEREAS**, it is clear that police officers hired from other jurisdictions in New York State must receive additional training in protocols and procedures that are specific to Suffolk County; however, veteran police officers entering the Suffolk County force might be able to forego other elements of the Suffolk County Police Department program; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Suffolk could put more officers on the streets and realize cost savings if experienced and certified police officers could progress more quickly through the Police Academy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Police Department should analyze and study the feasibility of shortening and streamlining the training program for officers hired from other jurisdictions; now, therefore be it

**1<sup>st</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the Suffolk County Police Department is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to study the feasibility of expediting the training period for officers hired by the Police Department, who previously worked as a police officer in the State of New York and hold a valid certificate of completion from a Municipal Police Training Council approved course; and be it further

**2<sup>nd</sup>**           **RESOLVED**, that Police Department will report its findings and recommendations, in writing, to the County Executive and each member of the Suffolk County Legislature within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

**3<sup>rd</sup>**           **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: April 28, 2015

APPROVED BY:

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County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: