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Honorable Members of the City Council  
City of Mount Vernon  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

### **Subject: Request for Legislation- Mechanical Breaching Instructor School**

Dear Honorable Council Members,

This letter comes to request the enactment of legislation authorizing two (2) Members of Service to attend the upcoming **Mechanical Breaching Instructor School**, scheduled for **July 22–24, 2025**, at the **Passaic County Public Safety Academy**, located at **300 Oldham Road, Wayne, NJ**.

This intensive three-day course is designed to train officers in the instruction of various breaching techniques, including:

- Identification and assessment of door/window types and construction
- Selection and execution of breaching strikes
- Gathering and applying breaching intelligence
- Determination of primary and secondary entry points
- Additional skills critical to tactical entry operations

Currently, the department does not have any certified breaching instructors. This training will enable the selected officers to return as certified instructors, enhancing our department's capabilities and equipping all personnel with essential knowledge to operate more safely and effectively in the field.

Following the conclusions of the latest Department of Justice review, it was advised that specific training measures be implemented to strengthen the department's preparedness and adherence to compliance standards. Attending this targeted training will directly contribute to meeting those

recommendations and enhance the operational effectiveness of the participating Members of Service.

The total cost of participation will not exceed **\$1,500.00**, covering the full course registration. Funding will be provided through budget line **A3120.451 (Training)**. Departmental vehicles will be authorized for transportation to and from the training location.

Should this request meet with the approval of Your Honorable Body, we respectfully request that legislation be enacted to authorize this training.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marcel Olifiers', written in a cursive style.

Marcel Olifiers  
Chief of Operations - Public Safety

Cc: Mayor  
Comptroller  
Law Department