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

RE: Request for Authorization for Two (2) Members of Service to Attend Tactical Narcotics Debriefing Training

The Department of Public Safety respectfully requests that legislation be enacted to authorize two (2) Members of Service to attend the **Tactical Narcotics Debriefing** training course, scheduled for **September 22 through September 24, 2025**. The training will take place at the **Rockland County Public Safety Academy, located at 50 Sanatorium Road, Pomona, NY 10970**.

This course will provide instruction and practical exercises designed to develop the skills necessary to conduct effective debriefings of prisoners, inmates, and newly arrested individuals for the purpose of acquiring actionable criminal intelligence and cultivating confidential informants. The curriculum features engaging classroom instruction reinforced by challenging, hands-on immersion exercises. Participants will gain both theoretical knowledge and practical experience, preparing them to apply these skills directly in the field.

There is no cost associated with this training. However, we respectfully request authorization for the attending Members of Service to utilize a department vehicle for travel to and from the training location.

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

Sincerely,

David Gibson
Commissioner of Public Safety