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Honorable City Council Members  
City of Mount Vernon  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

**RE: 2024 DCJS Public Safety Symposium Conference FOR APPROVAL at the  
August 14th, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Honorable Councilmembers:

The Department of Public Safety requests that the City Council approve an ordinance approving the Commissioner, Lieutenant and Sergeant (three members) from the Department of Public Safety to attend the 2024 **Division of Criminal Justice Services Annual Public Safety Symposium** taking place at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany, NY from **September 17, 2024 to September 20, 2024**.

This conference will allow attendees to learn about new public safety initiatives, evidence-based violence reduction practices and other contemporary criminal justice topics.

The total cost for three Members to attend **should not exceed \$5,000.00 (hotel accommodations, ground transportation-gas/tolls and meals)** and will be satisfied from **Budget Line #A3120.451 (Training)**.

Please access link to conference information here: [2024 DCJS Public Safety Symposium Albany, NY](#)

If this request meets the approval of your Honorable Body, please enact legislation granting this approval.

Sincerely,

David Gibson  
Commissioner of Public Safety