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Honorable Members of the City Council
Through the Office of the Mayor
City Hall- Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

Subject: Training – Two (2) Officers to attend Combined Tactical Systems Training: Less Lethal Instructor School

Dear Honorable Council Members,

This letter comes to request that legislation be enacted to authorize two (2) Member of Service to attend the upcoming **Combined Systems Training: Less Lethal Instructor School**, to be held at the **Westchester County Police Academy**, located at 2 Dana Road, Valhalla, NY 10595, from **June 3, 2025 through June 5, 2025**.

This is an instructor-level certification course encompassing the full range of munitions manufactured by Combined Systems. Upon successful completion, the Member of Service will be certified to instruct others within the Department in the proper deployment and use of Impact Munitions, Chemical Munitions, and Flash Bang devices.

Topics to be covered in this three-day course include:

- History of Less Lethal Munitions
- Legal Considerations and Use of Force
- Chemical Agents
- 12-Gauge, 37mm, and 40mm Launchers
- Diversionary Devices
- Reporting Procedures and Range Safety
- Instructional Techniques
- Technological Advancements

Cc: Mayor
Comptroller
Law Department

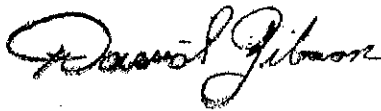
- Direct and Indirect Munitions Deployment
- Research and Trauma Considerations

This training aligns with the Department of Justice's recent advisories regarding supervisory training and is consistent with efforts to meet federal recommendations while enhancing operational preparedness.

The total cost for participation will not exceed **\$1,790.00**, which covers full course registration. This expense will be funded through budget line **A3120.451 (Training)**. Additionally, the Member of Service will be authorized to use a Department vehicle for travel to and from the training site.

If this proposal meets with the approval of Your Honorable Body, kindly enact the necessary legislation to authorize this training.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Gibson".

David Gibson
Commissioner of Public Safety