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

### **RE: Request for Legislation- Initial Response to Active Shooters Training**

Dear Honorable Council Members,

This letter respectfully requests the enactment of legislation authorizing one (1) Members of Service to attend the upcoming **Initial Response to Active Shooter Training**, scheduled to take place from **July 10 to July 11, 2025**, at the State Preparedness Training Center, located at **5900 Airport Road, Oriskany, NY 13424**.

This course is designed to equip law enforcement officers with the essential skills and tactics needed to respond effectively to active shooter incidents. Participants will receive instruction on initial response strategies, including the establishment or transfer of incident command, and the formation of entry or contact teams to engage and neutralize active threats. The training emphasizes rapid decision-making and decisive action to mitigate harm and protect lives.

In response to the findings from the most recent Department of Justice investigation, it was recommended that certain training requirements be met to enhance departmental readiness and compliance. Participation in this specialized training will directly support those recommendations and improve the operational capabilities of the attending Members of Service.

There is **no cost** associated with participation in this training. Department vehicles will be authorized for travel to and from the training site, and reimbursement will be provided for tolls and fuel expenses.

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 'M. Olifiers', written over the printed name.

Marcel Olifiers  
Chief of Operations – Public Safety

Cc: Mayor  
Comptroller  
Law Department