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

RE: Request for Authorization to attend Interview and Interrogation Training Course

Dear Honorable Council Members,

The Department of Public Safety respectfully requests that legislation be enacted to authorize **eight (8) Members of Service** to attend **Interview and Interrogation Training Course**, scheduled for **December 1 through December 4, 2025**. The training will be held at the **Westchester County Police Academy, located at 2 Dana Road, Valhalla, NY**.

This course is designed to equip officers with the skills to assess the credibility of suspect statements, structure effective interviews using open-ended and investigative questions, and develop interrogation strategies and themes. Participants will also learn a range of investigative techniques to enhance the accuracy and effectiveness of their inquiries.

The cost of the course is **\$630 per participant, for a total of \$5,040 for eight members**. These expenses will be covered through Budget Line **A3120.451 (Training)**. Additionally, we request authorization for the use of two department vehicles for travel purposes.

Should this request meet with the approval of Your Honorable Body, we ask that legislation be enacted to authorize attendance and participation in this training.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcel Olifiers".

Marcel Olifiers
Chief of Public Safety