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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Presiding Officer

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DENNIS DUNNE, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

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3:14 P.M

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S :

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4 DENNIS DUNNE,
Chairman5 DONALD MACKENZIE,
Vice Chairman

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VINCENT MUSCARELLA

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DENISE FORD

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9 LAURA CURRAN,
Ranking

10 KEVAN ABRAHAMS

11 SIELA BYNOE

12 MICHAEL PULITZER
Clerk of the Legislature

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DOUGLAS LANCEMAN.....	18

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2 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: We will now call
3 the Public Safety Committee meeting to
4 order. Please call the roll.

5 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.
6 Public Safety Committee roll call.
7 Legislator Siela Bynoe?

8 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

9 CLERK PULITZER: Minority Leader
10 Kevan Abrahams?

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

12 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
13 Laura Curran?

14 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.

15 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
16 Denise Ford?

17 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

18 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
19 Vincent Muscarella?

20 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

21 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman
22 Donald MacKenzie?

23 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.

24 CLERK PULITZER: Chairman Dennis
25 Dunne?

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2 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Here.

3 CLERK PULITZER: We have a
4 quorum, sir.

5 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Thank you.

6 Being that the first item is the police
7 department and we have a number of items
8 with the police department, we will call
9 them all at the same time.

10 Item 164-17, an ordinance
11 supplemental to the annual appropriations
12 ordinance in connection with the police
13 department;

14 Item 186-17, a resolution making
15 certain determinations pursuant to the State
16 Environmental Quality Review Act and
17 authorizing the County Executive on behalf
18 of the County of Nassau to execute a lease
19 agreement between the County of Nassau as
20 tenant and the Massapequa Union Free School
21 District as landlord for use by the Nassau
22 County Police Department;

23 The next item is 195-17, an
24 ordinance supplemental to the annual
25 appropriations ordinance in connection with

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2 the police department;

3 Item 196-17, an ordinance
4 supplemental to the annual appropriations
5 ordinance in connection with the police
6 department;

7 Item 198-17, an ordinance
8 supplemental to the annual appropriations
9 ordinance in connection with the police
10 department.

11 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by Donald
14 MacKenzie, seconded by Denise Ford. So you
15 will speak about these in bulk.

16 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Good
17 afternoon. Lieutenant Greg Stephanoff,
18 Nassau County Police Department.

19 Item 164 of '17 is an
20 appropriation of funds for the Surveillance
21 Apprehension Enforcement Program. This is
22 our stolen vehicle grant. It's a recurring
23 grant that we get yearly.

24 This grant is going to be
25 utilized for stolen cars. We're going to

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2 see where the cars are being stolen and do
3 enforcement and also for insurance fraud.

4 The amount of the grant is \$145,783.

5 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any questions on
6 that item? Yes, we do. Legislator Curran.

7 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Thank you.
8 So it's a state grant, right?

9 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Yes.

10 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: And focusing
11 on auto theft. Are you allowed to talk
12 about what those locations might be, what
13 are the high auto theft locations?

14 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Well, the
15 current locations I'm not aware of. I can
16 find out. I'm not involved with that end.
17 This is going to be for future. So this
18 grant will be future money and future
19 locations.

20 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: I got it.
21 Thanks.

22 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any other
23 questions? Legislator Ford.

24 LEGISLATOR FORD: Going in the
25 future, do you look at where cars were

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2 stolen in the past and then try to focus
3 also in those areas as well to see if they
4 will have return visitors, I guess, or
5 crimes?

6 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Yes, they
7 will see where the high areas are that have
8 the theft and they'll focus on that.

9 And, also then, the insurance
10 fraud aspect is another part of it.

11 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any other
13 questions?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 Now we will go to the next item
16 which is 186-17.

17 MR. MEHRAN: Good afternoon.

18 Deputy County Attorney Robert Mehran, Jr.

19 This is a renewal for the police academy.

20 It's a bridge in the gap for the police

21 academy to remain as a tenant in the

22 Massapequa School District until completion

23 of the new police academy.

24 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any questions on
25 this? Legislator Curran.

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2 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Do we have an
3 estimated date when the new police academy
4 will be ready for business?

5 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: I don't
6 have an exact date. I believe they had
7 hoped to break ground this year. I don't
8 have an estimated completion, but I can find
9 out for you.

10 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: I would be
11 curious to know. Thanks.

12 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any questions
13 from any other legislators? Legislator
14 Bynoe.

15 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you.
16 So, this contract is going to run until June
17 2018. Is that tied with the expected
18 completion date?

19 MR. MEHRAN: It is a two year
20 renewal, so forgive me for not saying this
21 first, it is late. However, by operation of
22 law, under RPTL 232, we became hold over
23 tenants when this expired in June. So
24 really the risk, if you will, was on the
25 municipality, the school district, rather

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2 than the county.

3 It's a two year agreement set to
4 expire next June with four one year renewal
5 options.

6 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So the hold
7 over was based on a tenancy of every 30
8 days?

9 MR. MEHRAN: Correct, unless they
10 notified us to evict which they did not.
11 We've been there forever and they're happy
12 with us.

13 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So this is
14 just a two year contract not coinciding with
15 any projection for completion, this is
16 something that we intended to sign two years
17 ago? I'm not --

18 MR. MEHRAN: No. The intention
19 was that within two years that the new
20 police academy would be built but we built
21 in safeguards with the four one year renewal
22 options in case there's cost overruns,
23 delays, et cetera.

24 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Then we can
25 just be a holdover until it's time, the

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2 academy is prepared to receive the police
3 department after June 2018 if it's not --

4 MR. MEHRAN: In theory, yes, we
5 could do that. We don't have to exercise,
6 yes, we could do that.

7 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any legislators
9 have any questions?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Is there any public comment?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 The next item then is Item 195-17
14 which is Lieutenant Stephanoff.

15 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Good
16 afternoon. Lieutenant Greg Stephanoff,
17 Nassau County Police Department.

18 Item 195 of '17 is a supplemental
19 appropriation for the New York State
20 Department of Homeland Security Tactical
21 Team Grant. This grant is for \$100,000.
22 This grant is going to go to our Bureau of
23 Special Operations. It's going to be for
24 equipment and exercises.

25 The equipment is going to

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2 enhance, BSO has a robot they use, it's
3 going to enhance that equipment and it's
4 also going to purchase repelling equipment
5 to enhance the Bureau of Special Operations.
6 And there's no match on this.

7 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any questions
8 from any legislator?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 Any public comment?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 There being none, the next item
13 is 196.

14 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: 196 of
15 '17 is a supplemental appropriation for
16 \$50,000 for Operation Gateway Grant. This
17 grant is from Marine Bureau and it's used
18 primarily for Memorial Day, Independence Day
19 and Labor Day weekend to enhance the patrols
20 in the waterways and we get reimbursed for
21 it.

22 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator
23 Curran.

24 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Is this
25 mostly for drunk boating or people who are

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2 driving their boat drunk?

3 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: For this
4 they will enforce anything. Anything that
5 they come across.

6 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: What other
7 kinds of things happen out on the water?

8 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: This is
9 for -- those are times where we are a little
10 elevated in our alertness, I guess you can
11 put it, so we want to put more patrols out.

12 We partner also, New York City I
13 believe will do the same thing. We're like
14 the port security so we partner with New
15 York City, Jersey.

16 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any legislators
17 have any questions?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 Is there any public comment?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 There being none, 198-17.

22 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: 198-17 is
23 a supplemental appropriation for \$50,000
24 from Department of Homeland Security for
25 critical infrastructure grant.

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2 This grant is going to go to our
3 Homeland Security and it's going to enhance
4 our target hardness. We are going -- I
5 believe it's an equipment grant. Yes. The
6 money is going to go to purchase equipment
7 to enhance the homeland security department.

8 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any legislators
9 have any questions?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Is there any public comment?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 There being none, we will vote
14 now on -- Legislator Curran.

15 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Don't we also
16 have 165 and 166?

17 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: That's not with
18 the police, we are calling all the police
19 together.

20 Again, all in favor of Items
21 164-17, 186-17, 195-17, 196-17, and 198-17
22 signify by saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 Any against?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 They all pass unanimously.

3 We are now going to go to 165-17
4 which is an ordinance supplemental to the
5 annual appropriations ordinance in
6 connection with the Medical Examiner's
7 Office. Who do we have from the Medical
8 Examiner's Office?

9 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by Donald
12 MacKenzie, seconded by Denise Ford. Mr.
13 Becker, can you tell us something about this
14 real quick.

15 MR. BECKER: Mr. Chair, they were
16 supposed to be here. I guess you will have
17 to table it. I'm trying to get in touch
18 with them, but, if you would, you have to
19 table it for the moment.

20 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Okay. This
21 might be really important, I'm not really
22 cognizant if it is or isn't, so I would like
23 to pass this along to the Full Leg and have
24 them here for the Full Leg so we can put a
25 yay or nay on it.

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2 MR. BECKER: They have to be here
3 for Finance and Rules. Let me see if I can
4 get them here, so if you want to pass it
5 on --

6 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: We will pass it
7 along to Finance.

8 MR. BECKER: Thank you for your
9 accommodation, Mr. Chairman.

10 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: As long as
11 there's no problems from any of my
12 colleagues.

13 No, okay then. All in favor of
14 passing it along to Finance where we can et
15 answers, we will give them our questions if
16 we have any at the time, indicate by saying
17 aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 Any against?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Unanimously it goes through.

22 Now we have the next item,
23 166-17, a resolution authorizing the Nassau
24 County Executive to execute an agreement to
25 a personal service agreement between the

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2 County of Nassau acting on behalf as Nassau
3 County District Attorney and Long Island
4 Crisis Center.

5 LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by Ford,
8 seconded by Muscarella.

9 MR. MCMANUS: Thank you. This is
10 the renewal of an agreement for the District
11 Attorney's Office to provide funding to the
12 Long Island Counseling Center for Building
13 Healthy Lives Through Education Program.
14 This program is conducted strictly in Nassau
15 County schools.

16 This program assigns trained
17 community educators and crisis counselors to
18 speak to adolescents about depression and
19 suicide prevention.

20 Thanks to this funding which is
21 in its third year, LICC has been able to
22 increase the number of presentations made
23 each year.

24 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Sounds like a
25 wonderful idea. Any legislators have any

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2 questions?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 Is there any public comment?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 There being none, all those in
7 favor indicate by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 Any against?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 So passes on.

12 The final item to come before
13 this committee is Item 197-17, an ordinance
14 supplemental to the annual appropriation
15 ordinance in connection with the Probation
16 Department. Whom do we have from the
17 Probation Department?

18 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by
21 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by
22 Legislator Ford.

23 MR. LANCEMAN: Good afternoon.
24 Douglas Lanceman, Probation. This is Item
25 197-17. We are requesting a supplemental

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2 appropriation approval for our recurring
3 group gift grant that's now in it's 14th
4 year. It was previously known as Operation
5 Impact.

6 The amount of the grant is
7 \$204,451. GIVE which stands for Guns
8 Involved Violence Elimination focuses on a
9 goal of reducing shootings and homicides by
10 promoting integrated evidence based
11 strategies including unannounced visits to
12 gang members.

13 GIVE initiative builds upon
14 information sharing of partnerships
15 developed under Operation Impact while
16 expanding use of crime analysis, and
17 evidence based practices, and community
18 partnerships.

19 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Excellent. You
20 know, with the increase in gang activity
21 going closer and closer to our homes, this
22 is much needed. Any questions? Yes,
23 Legislator Bynoe.

24 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Hi. Good
25 afternoon. Could you elaborate a little bit

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2 more about the initiatives that are
3 undertaken by way of this grant in addition
4 to unannounced visits?

5 MR. LANCEMAN: Yes. Two items
6 that really are the cornerstone of this
7 grant are two areas; one is Hot Spot and the
8 other is called Hot Shot. Sounds very
9 similar but they are different.

10 Hot Spot is an excellent
11 opportunity to engage the community in an
12 ongoing dialogue. Our gang unit will target
13 known gang locations and other locations
14 know for high risk behaviors.

15 They will engage all known
16 probationers and brief them for intelligence
17 which we will forward to all GIVE partners.
18 That's Hot Spot. To find that information,
19 what's going on in the community.

20 Hot Shot on the other hand is a
21 probation lead initiative which will target
22 probationers identified as a risk for gun
23 possession, drug possession, violent
24 history, and gang members.

25 Off hour home visit searches will

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2 be conducted with local police, joint
3 warrant operations with the police locating
4 and executing violations of probation,
5 warrants, on known gun offenders will be
6 conducted on an expedited basis.

7 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Are there any
8 rehabilitation type of programs that are
9 also provided to those that might be at risk
10 reoffending?

11 MR. LANCEMAN: I have some stats
12 for you. Starting from July of this past
13 year, the grant, it's a one year grant, mid
14 year from July to June.

15 In that nine month period,
16 probation collected four guns taken off the
17 streets. Many of them were fully loaded
18 with full magazines.

19 In terms of what you had asked
20 about, various programs, every quarter we
21 probably come up with approximately 40 gun
22 cases and also in that quarter we also find
23 that we can provide about 30 people
24 different types of programs that would be
25 MRT which is Moral Recognition Therapy, and

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2 also we send people to COTA, Counsel on
3 Thought and Action. These are really good
4 programs.

5 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Thank you, Mr.
7 Lanceman. Any legislators have any other
8 questions?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 Is there any public comment?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 There being none, all those in
13 favor indicate by saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Any against?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Goes on to Finance. That
18 concludes our agenda motion.

19 LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

20 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by
22 Legislator Ford to adjourn, seconded by
23 Legislator MacKenzie. All in favor indicate
24 by saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 We are now adjourned. The next
3 committee to come up is the Planning,
4 Development and Environment Committee.

5 (Whereupon, the Public Safety
6 Committee adjourned at 3:36 p.m.)

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I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and
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FRANK GRAY