

**Creating A Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) For Ulster County
Emergency Service Volunteers**

Legislator Laura Petit and the Criminal Justice and Safety Committee (Chairman Dart and Legislators Briggs, R.A. Parete, Zimet, Hansut, Maloney and Ronk) offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature, pursuant to Resolution No. 251 dated August 13, 2008, recognized the importance of a standardized ID/Accountability system for emergency responders where the system will expedite and verify the identification system requirements for emergency personnel at checkpoints or an emergency scene, and

WHEREAS, in Ulster County, it is volunteers, who serve as the backbone of the local Fire Departments, Emergency Responders and Ambulance Squads, and we in County government are committed to working with our emergency responders to ensure the safety of all Ulster County's residents, and visitors, and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that a Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) is implemented where local businesses will be asked if they would be willing to offer a discount of their determination to active, social, and lifelong emergency service volunteers ("volunteers"), and

WHEREAS, volunteers will be recognized to receive the discounts/benefit under the Countywide Volunteer Identification Program by displaying the standardized ID/Accountability card received from the County Fire Coordinators Department, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Safety/911 office will provide a link to a web page where potential volunteers can visit to obtain information on how to get involved; and with a page linked through Ulster County Chamber of Commerce which will also provide a phone number(s) where local businesses interested in the VIP program can receive further information, and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice and Safety Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said requested with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that Ulster County will implement a Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) in recognition of the active, social and lifelong volunteers committed to working as emergency responders to ensure the safety of all Ulster County's residents, and visitors in cooperation with local businesses,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$1,500.00 – BUDGETED COUNTY DOLLARS
(FIRE COORDINATOR DIVISION 1940)

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