

**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE**  
**RESOLUTION 17213**

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**RESOLUTION REGARDING COPS HIRING PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the office of community oriented policing services (COPS) has announced the application period for FY 2017 cops hiring program; and

**WHEREAS**, the COPS hiring program is a competitive grant program that provides funding directly to law enforcement agency having primary law enforcement authority to impact their community policing capacity and problem solving efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the fiscal year 2017 COPS Hiring Program will cover 75% of the approved entry-level salary and fringe benefits of each newly-hired and/or rehired, full-time sworn career law enforcement officer for three years (36 months) up to \$125,000.00 per officer position; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no local match and the conclusion of the federal funding period grantees must retain all sworn officer positions awarded under the COPS hiring grant for a minimum of one year; and

**WHEREAS**, it is acknowledged that this grant, if awarded, along with presently agreed upon contributions from the local and regional Boards of Education, would adequately cover the Borough's cost of assigning a School Resource Officer ("SRO") to the school systems for the duration of the grant, and increase the size of the Police Dept to a base level of 19 officers, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor & Council have the authority, as does the Chief of Police, to reexamine the merits of maintaining such base Police force level (i.e. 19 officers) in assessing the needs of the Borough, as well as the funding of the SRO position once the grant ends, whether or not an alternative funding arrangement for the SRO position has already been entered into, and

**WHEREAS**, The Borough Council of Hillsdale authorizes the Chief of Police, Robert Francaviglia, Borough Administrator/CMFO/QPA Jonathan DeJoseph and Dan McLaughlin of the Hillsdale Police Department to prepare and submit the necessary application and paperwork needed for the COPS hiring program; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that they hereby support the Borough of Hillsdale Police Department's application for the 2017 COPS hiring program

Council member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Recuse
DeRosa, Anthony			X				
Karcich, Scott					X		
Lundy, Abby	X		X				
Pizzella, Frank					X		
Ruocco, John		X	X				
Segalas, Steven			X				
Frank, Douglas							

Adopted: August 8, 2017

Attest: Denise Kohan  
Denise Kohan  
Municipal Clerk

Douglas Frank  
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Mayor