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Res. No. 1434

Resolution calling on the Commissioner of the New York City Police Department to train at least five police officers, including a traffic enforcement officer, in each precinct to conduct thorough investigations of vehicle accidents resulting in serious injuries.

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Whereas, The New York City Police Department (“NYPD”) is responsible for investigating motor vehicle accidents in New York City; and

Whereas, Within the NYPD, the Highway Unit’s Accident Investigation Squad (“AIS”) specializes in investigating vehicle accidents; however, AIS only investigates accidents that result in death or a serious injury likely to result in a death; and

Whereas, AIS is a specialized unit comprised of, among others, detectives who conduct a comprehensive

investigation at the accident scene including interviewing witnesses, preparing crash scene diagrams, and analyzing physical evidence; and

Whereas, AIS officers are currently the only NYPD members trained to conduct these types of investigations, which can help determine criminality or wrongdoing; and

Whereas, According to the NYPD, in 2011, AIS was deployed 304 times, including to 241 accidents that resulted in a death and 63 classified as having a victim that was likely to die; and

Whereas, Despite the high number of investigations conducted by AIS in 2011, the AIS unit headcount has declined over the past few years; and

Whereas, In 2000, AIS had 1 lieutenant, 4 sergeants, and 24 detectives and in 2011 had 1 lieutenant, 3 sergeants and 19 detectives; and

Whereas, All accidents resulting in serious injury deserve a thorough investigation; and

Whereas, To ensure that there are enough officers to conduct thorough investigations of vehicle accidents resulting in serious injury; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the Commissioner of the New York City Police Department to train at least five police officers, including a traffic enforcement officer, in each precinct to conduct thorough investigations of vehicle accidents resulting in serious injuries.

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