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U.S. Immigration  
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Enforcement

James P. O'Neil  
Police Commissioner  
1 Police Plaza (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioner O'Neil,

Please let this memo serve as a respectful request to utilize the New York City Police Department (NYPD), Rodman's Neck range facility to facilitate the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Citizen Academy on March 7th of this year. The Citizens Academy is a program in which prominent figures from the New York City metropolitan area are educated on & exposed to the various responsibilities of the Department of Homeland Security. The use of your facility would be used to demonstrate some of the abilities of our departments Special Response Team's (SRT) as well as to let the participants in the Citizens Academy partake in controlled live fire exercises.

Pulling from our departments' long standing relationship, our range safety officers are not only familiar with, but are also very well versed in the NYPD's rules and regulations in place at your facility. Our DHS range safety officers regularly conduct quarterly firearms qualifications at Rodman's Neck for our Homeland Security Investigations personnel. For the exercise in question, each participant in the Citizens Academy would be paired with an individual range safety officer from DHS with ultimate oversight from an assigned NYPD range safety officer in accordance with our existing agreement.

It is my sincere hope that you and your personnel can accommodate not only myself, but my personnel and the Citizen's Academy in making this exercise a success. I thank you for your time & attention in this matter.

If you require any additional information, please contact Assistant Special Agent in Charge (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of my staff at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) [ice.dhs.gov](http://ice.dhs.gov) or (347) 219-(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sincerely yours,

Angel M. Melendez  
Special Agent in Charge, New York