



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 10/25/2022

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO REPLACE THE SHERIFF'S DESIGNEE FOR
TARRANT COUNTY'S SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the replacement of the Sheriff's designee for the Tarrant County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).

BACKGROUND

SARTs are coalitions of agencies that serve sexual assault victims. Membership typically includes victim advocates, law enforcement officers, forensic medical examiners, forensic scientists and prosecutors. Multidisciplinary SARTs work together to formalize interagency guidelines that prioritize victims' needs, hold offenders accountable and promote public safety.

Pursuant to Local Government Code Section 351.252, which became effective in September of 2021, each County's Commissioners Court is required to establish a SART that includes core members as provided by that statute and that are appointed by the Commissioners Court.

On December 14, 2021, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #137002, established the Tarrant County Sexual Assault Response Team and the members of that team in order to comply with this new law.

With approval of this item, the current Tarrant County Sheriff's Office Designee, Melinda Clark, will be replaced by Mike Weber.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

SUBMITTED BY:	Criminal District Attorney	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Polly S Maxwell
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