



## COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: 11/15/2022

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2023 AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
TARRANT COUNTY AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE, DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION FORT  
WORTH TACTICAL DIVERSION SQUAD**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the FY 2023 Agreement between Tarrant County and the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Fort Worth Tactical Diversion Squad.

**BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this agreement is to disrupt the increasing amount of illicit trafficking of controlled substance pharmaceuticals in the greater Tarrant County metropolitan area. This task is accomplished by investigating, disrupting, and dismantling individuals and/or organizations involved in diversion schemes (e.g., "doctor shopping", prescription forgery, and prevalent retail-level violators) of controlled pharmaceuticals and/or listed chemicals in the Tarrant County area.

On December 14, 2021, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #137049, approved the FY 2022 State and Local Agreement for the continued participation in the DEA Fort Worth Tactical Diversion Squad.

If approved, the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office will be required to continue the assignment of one (1) experienced narcotics deputy to the DEA Fort Worth Tactical Diversion Task Force for a period of not less than two (2) years. The term of the agreement is from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2026.

This Agreement has been reviewed as to form by the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The Sheriff's Deputy assigned to the DEA Fort Worth Tactical Diversion Task Force Center occupies a position authorized in the Tarrant County FY 2023 budget. Tarrant County will continue paying the salary and benefits of Sheriff's Office personnel assigned to this task force.

SUBMITTED BY:	Sheriff Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Jerry Rucker Jerry Rucker
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