



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 06/06/2023

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY,
D/B/A TARRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND BENDER
MEDIA FOR A TASK FORCE TRAINING ON FORENSIC
EXPERIMENTAL TRAUMA INTERVIEW**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve an agreement between the Tarrant County, d/b/a Tarrant County Sheriff's Office and Bender Media for a task force training on using the Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview (FETI).

BACKGROUND

FETI provides interviewers with a science-informed interviewing framework that maximizes opportunities for information collection and accurately documents the participant's experience in a neutral, equitable, and fair manner. The Human Trafficking Task Force has focused on developing collaborative working relationships among local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, victim service providers and a variety of other agencies and community partners in Tarrant County to address the issue of human trafficking.

If approved, Speaker Rebecca Bender from Bender Media is scheduled to present a Human Trafficking Task Force training focused on using the FETI mode of trauma informed interviewing for law enforcement and prosecutors on September 14, 2023.

The training will be paid for with Tarrant County Human Trafficking Task Force grant funds.

The attached agreement has been reviewed as to form by the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds in the amount of \$1,056.25 will be paid from grant fund allocations in account L0019-2023. There will be no fiscal impact on the County's General Fund.

SUBMITTED BY:	Sheriff Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Jessica Redding
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