



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 10/17/2023

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A PUBLIC DECLARATION LETTER IN SUPPORT OF CERTIFICATE OF WAIVER/AUTHORIZATION TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR USE OF A DRONE BY THE TARRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the submission of the Public Declaration Letter in Support of Certificate of Waiver/Authorization to the Federal Aviation Administration for the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) to use a drone for law enforcement purposes.

BACKGROUND

The TCSO provides full-service law enforcement services to the citizens of unincorporated Tarrant County and surrounding incorporated municipalities located within Tarrant County. The TCSO was created pursuant to the Texas Constitution, Article 5, Section 23 - Judicial Department - Sheriffs.

The drone will be used for videotaping crime scenes, locating missing children and adults, Amber and Silver alerts, SWAT callouts to gather site intelligence on suspect premises, and providing perimeter support, etc.

On November 20, 2018, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order # 129084, accepted a drone donated to the TCSO.

With approval, the TCSO will submit the Certificate of Waiver/Authorization letter to begin utilizing a drone to enhance the provision of full-service law enforcement activities to the citizens of unincorporated Tarrant County, and surrounding incorporated municipalities located within Tarrant County.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has reviewed this item as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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