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Letter to the Court

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Madeline,

Anyway you can print the following letter for the Judge and each Commissioner?

Good morning, gentlemen.

I'm Scott Davis, Constable, Precinct 3, Burnet County.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak before this honorable Court today.

I am here to respectfully request consideration for funding of an additional deputy position for the Precinct 3 Constable's Office.

Before I explain why I believe this position is necessary, I would like to give the Court a clear picture of the workload our collective Deputy handled since October 6, 2025.

During that period, he has made 37 warrant arrests.

He traveled 39,279 proactive patrol miles throughout Burnet County. Those are not simply miles driven from one call to another. They represent visible law-enforcement presence in our communities, on our county roads, and in our neighborhoods.

That visibility matters. It allows us to identify suspicious activity, deter criminal behavior, assist citizens, and address problems before they become larger and more costly public-safety issues.

He served 118 civil citations and executed 17 writs.

The civil responsibilities of the Constables office include evictions, small claims suits, debt claims, Attorney General documents, and other court-ordered civil process. These are not optional responsibilities. They are an important part of the function of the Constable's Office and of the judicial system we serve.

He conducted 82 traffic-enforcement and motorist-assistance stops, helping make Burnet County highways and county roads safer for our citizens and visitors.

He conducted 56 neighborhood patrols, investigating suspicious activity and increasing law-enforcement visibility in areas where residents have concerns about their homes, families, and property.

He conducted six environmental investigations, helping protect Burnet County's land, waterways, wildlife, livestock, and drinking-water resources from illegal dumping, hazardous materials, and other environmental threats.

He assisted other law-enforcement agencies 61 times.

He assisted Fire and EMS personnel on 34 occasions, providing traffic control, scene security, and protection for our first responders while they perform their duties.

He generated 23 deputy-initiated calls involving suspicious activity or circumstances that required further law-enforcement investigation.

Those numbers are important, but what I would ask the Court to consider is what is behind those numbers.

Every warrant arrest requires time.

Every civil citation and writ requires time.

Every traffic stop, neighborhood patrol, environmental investigation, agency assist, and Fire or EMS call requires a deputy to be available.

And every time a deputy is committed to one of those responsibilities, that deputy is unavailable somewhere else.

That is the issue I am bringing before the Court today.

This request for an additional deputy is not about increasing the size of this office simply for the sake of growth. It is about increasing our capacity to serve Burnet County effectively and safely.

The responsibilities of the Constable's Office have to be balanced between our court-mandated civil duties and our law-enforcement responsibilities.

When personnel are tied up serving civil process, executing a writ, transporting or dealing with a warrant arrest, or assisting another agency, our ability to maintain proactive patrol coverage is reduced.

And proactive patrol is one of the most valuable services we can provide.

The best law-enforcement call is often the one that never has to occur because an officer was visible, a suspicious circumstance was investigated early, or a potential criminal knew law enforcement was present.

An additional deputy would allow this office to maintain that proactive presence while continuing to fulfill our statutory and court-ordered responsibilities.

It would give us greater flexibility to serve civil process without sacrificing patrol coverage.

It would provide additional manpower when executing warrants or handling potentially dangerous situations.

It would improve our ability to assist the Sheriff's Office, other law-enforcement agencies, Fire, and EMS when additional personnel are needed.

It would allow us to respond more effectively to neighborhood concerns and suspicious activity.

And most importantly, it would provide better law-enforcement coverage and service to the citizens of Burnet County.

There is also an officer-safety component to this request.

Law enforcement is unpredictable. A routine civil service, traffic stop, warrant attempt, or suspicious-person investigation can change in a matter of seconds.

Having adequate staffing provides another layer of safety not only for our deputies, but for the citizens involved and for the other first responders we work alongside.

I take seriously the responsibility that comes with asking this Court for taxpayer dollars.

I understand that every new position represents an ongoing financial commitment by Burnet County.

That is exactly why I wanted to present these numbers to you.

I am not asking the Court to fund a position based upon what we might do.

I am asking you to consider funding a position based upon what the collective Constable Offices are already doing and the level of service we are attempting to provide.

The workload is here.

The miles are being driven.

The warrants are being served.

The civil process is being executed.

The neighborhoods are being patrolled.

The citizens are being assisted.

And our fellow law-enforcement officers and first responders are calling upon us for assistance.

An additional deputy would allow us to perform those responsibilities more efficiently, more consistently, and more safely.

As Constable, my responsibility is not simply to react to crime after it occurs. I believe we have a responsibility to do everything reasonably within our authority to prevent crime before it happens.

I want Precinct 3 to continue to be an office that is visible in the community, responsive to our citizens, supportive of our courts and fellow first responders, and proactive in protecting the people and property of Burnet County.

For those reasons, I respectfully ask this Commissioners Court to approve funding for an additional deputy position for the Precinct 3 Constable's Office.

I believe the activity and workload I have presented today demonstrate that this is not simply a request for another employee.

It is a request for additional public-safety capacity for Burnet County.

I appreciate the Court's consideration, your stewardship of county resources, and your continued support of law enforcement and the citizens we are all here to serve.

Thank you, gentlemen.

Respectfully,

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