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J.E. "Eddie" Guerra
Chief of Police
Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office
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Dear Chief Guerra:

Thank you for your continued support of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Your participation in the State and Local Task Force Program allows us to jointly and effectively serve the local community as a whole.

Enclosed for your review and signature is the Task Force Agreement for Fiscal Year 2019. It is respectfully requested that this agreement be returned in the enclosed self-addressed envelope by September 15, 2018. Once all signatures are obtained, a courtesy copy will be emailed to your office point of contact. Please provide his or her email address to myrna.garcia.robles@usdoj.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Robles at 713-693-3022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Will R. Glaspy".

Will R. Glaspy
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures

COOPERATIVE STATE AND LOCAL TASK FORCE AGREEMENT

This agreement is made this 1st day of October, 2018, between the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (hereinafter "DEA"), and the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (hereinafter "HCSO"). The DEA is authorized to enter into this cooperative agreement concerning the use and abuse of controlled substances under the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 873.

Whereas there is evidence that trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs exists in the McAllen, Texas, area and that such illegal activity has a substantial and detrimental effect on the health and general welfare of the people of, the parties hereto agree to the following:

1. The McAllen OCDETF Strike Force will perform the activities and duties described below:
 - a. disrupt the illicit drug traffic in the area by immobilizing targeted violators and trafficking organizations;
 - b. gather and report intelligence data relating to trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs; and
 - c. conduct undercover operations where appropriate and engage in other traditional methods of investigation in order that the Task Force's activities will result in effective prosecution before the courts of the United States and the State of Texas.
2. To accomplish the objectives of the McAllen OCDETF Strike Force, the HCSO agrees to detail one (1) experienced officer(s) to the McAllen OCDETF Strike Force for a period of not less than two years. During this period of assignment, the HCSO officer(s) will be under the direct supervision and control of DEA supervisory personnel assigned to the Task Force.
3. The HCSO officer(s) assigned to the Task Force shall adhere to DEA policies and procedures. Failure to adhere to DEA policies and procedures shall be grounds for dismissal from the Task Force.
4. The HCSO officer(s) assigned to the Task Force shall be deputized as Task Force Officer(s) of DEA pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Section 878.
5. To accomplish the objectives of the McAllen OCDETF Strike Force, DEA will assign 40 Special Agents to the Task Force. DEA will also, subject to the availability of annually appropriated funds or any continuing resolution thereof, provide necessary funds and equipment to support the activities of the DEA Special Agents and officer(s) assigned to the Task Force. This support will include: office space, office supplies, travel funds, funds for the purchase of evidence and information, investigative equipment, training, and other support items.
6. The HCSO shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the regulations of the United States Department of Justice implementing those laws, 28 C.F.R. Part 42, Subparts C, F, G, H and I.

7. The term of this agreement shall be effective from the date in paragraph number one until September 30, 2019. This agreement may be terminated by either party on 30 days advance written notice. Billing for all outstanding obligations must be received by DEA within 90 days of the date of termination of this agreement. DEA will be responsible only for obligations incurred by HCSO during the term of this agreement.

For the Drug Enforcement Administration:

Will R. Glaspy
Special Agent in Charge

Date:_____

For the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office:

J.E. "Eddie" Guerra
Sheriff

Date:_____