



CONSTABLE PRECINCT 3

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The Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 3 Office conducts a wide range of law enforcement operations with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to ensure public safety. Precinct 3 Constables Office covers three international bridges being the Los Ebanos Port of Entry, Hidalgo Port of Entry, and the Anzaldua's Bridge during border security operations. As well as provides security to the Anzaldua's Park and Los Ebanos Dam during the day for enhanced patrol.

Our office works with Customs and Border Patrol in apprehending and arresting individuals that attempt to smuggle illegal narcotics as well as illegal aliens. Our office works closely and assists Federal Agencies in conducting knock and talk operations and arrest warrants that have led to the disruption of criminal organizations involved in human smuggling, human trafficking and illegal narcotics. During these operations, Deputies and their equipment are exposed to the possible threat of the COVID-19 virus. It is often difficult to achieve the proper chemical sanitization coverage needed on all equipment, and surfaces inside of patrol units, squad offices, and agencies holding area. In a desire to maintain the security and safety of our Deputies and Hidalgo County Property we are requesting a grand award modification to utilize the Justice Grant Funds to purchase air purifiers for unit patrol vehicles as well as air filters replacement parts for such equipment.

In addition, the Constable Precinct 3 department has also been tasked to safeguard the Anzaldua's Park which is housing illegal Immigrants whom are COVID-19 positive. Constable Precinct 3 respectfully requests authorization to utilize funds to purchase Kevlar Gloves and Small Beacon Flare Kits along with Red/Blue uniform safety lights (Guardian Angel) for the protection of our deputies during night time operations while COVID testing is being performed on immigrants. These COVID Testing hours are being conducted 24/7 and we are tasked at providing traffic control during night time hours as well. These devices are essential for officer safety during COVID testing night time hours as well as to provide emergency lighting when in distress, and also visible to the USCBP chopper when flying, thru IR rays.

Furthermore, the purchase of this equipment will allow us to perform our duties even while amidst this pandemic and protect our Law Enforcement officers as well as stop the spread.

Thank You,

Ricardo F. Cortez
Hidalgo County Judge