



Hidalgo Police Department Law Enforcement Academy

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September 9, 2025

The Honorable Lazaro "Larry" Gallardo, Jr.
Constable
Hidalgo County Precinct 3
730 Breyfogle Rd., Ste. B
Mission, Texas 78574

RE: Police Ford Explorer, Texas License Plates 122-3121

Dear Constable Gallardo,

The Hidalgo Police Department Law Enforcement Academy conducts basic peace officer academies, in which cadets complete a minimum of 736 hours to graduate. Chapter 22, Traffic Incident Management System; Chapter 34, Professional Police Driving; Chapter 35, Patrol Skills; and Chapter 41, Firearms; the cadets utilize police vehicles for training and demonstration purposes to provide real world experience/scenarios.

Currently, the Law Enforcement Academy is using Ford Crown Victoria vehicles with interior emergency equipment. That specific model of police unit has been discontinued and is no longer in use by most police agencies. We respectfully request for the Hidalgo County Precinct 3 Constable's Office to consider donating their decommissioned police unit (stated above) with emergency equipment, no longer being utilized. The Academy's goal is to properly train cadets with the type of equipment they will use when they are hired. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Albert Cruz".

Albert Cruz, Sergeant – Training Coordinator
Academy Director
City of Hidalgo Police Department

CC: Chief Romeo Rodriguez; Lt. Jesus Ortega