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Subject: Public Service Announcements

As Sheriff of San Jacinto County, I, Greg Capers, am very pleased to issue the following two very important announcements concerning Law Enforcement Operations and equipment acquisition.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 the San Jacinto County Commissioner's Court met in session with myself and other Texas Sheriffs from across Texas. With overwhelming support from the public, the Court approved the Declaration of Local State of Disaster. This Declaration acknowledged, over 3.4 million illegal aliens had unlawfully entered the United States. Customs and Border Protection had discovered 108 known terrorists and 107,622 American citizens killed by opioids and fentanyl which has been smuggled into the USA along with human trafficking organizations.

This Disaster Declaration requested the aid of the Texas Governor for assistance to stop this declared "invasion" and to use all lawful available resources granted under the Texas and United States Constitutions.

A major response to this request for aid came in the form of a special Task Force grant referred to as "Operation Lone Star". This state grant is provided at **STATE EXPENSE** to enable County Sheriff's to hire officers, purchase equipment and organize multi-agency task forces to combat this "invasion" of drugs and human trafficking. This grant will enable law enforcement to create a team of personnel from San Jacinto County and adjoining counties in which multiple agencies work together in a coordinated effort to combat this activity.

At my direction the Sheriff's Office staff undertook the massive challenge to apply for the grant, make tentative operational planning, and complete the many bureaucratic requirements necessary for the award of the grant. I personally coordinated with County, State and Federal officials in this huge undertaking.

It is my honor, as your Sheriff to announce the Operation Lone Star (OLS) grant for \$1,260,589.26 **HAS BEEN AWARDED** to San Jacinto County and the Sheriff's Office as requested. This is **GREAT** news for the people of San Jacinto County and our surrounding communities. I look forward to implementing this task force as soon as possible and am extremely proud of the support from County Judge Fritz Faulkner and County Commissioners who approved this measure. I also offer my heartfelt gratitude to the several hundred citizens of San Jacinto County who urged and supported the passage of this measure.

In addition to that outstanding news, I have one other announcement of great importance concerning the recent approval by Commissioners Court to purchase new patrol units for deputies. The funding will tentatively cover the cost of five new Chevrolet Tahoe Police pursuit vehicles. These are vehicles specially designed for the grueling conditions faced by law enforcement vehicles. Myself and my staff worked diligently for several years to see this request to fruition. After careful deliberation and research, San Jacinto County Commissioners have approved the purchase in a show of support for the Sheriff's Office and law enforcement efforts in our county. I am happy to once again give my appreciation to the public and County Commissioners for helping the Sheriff's Office and the citizens of San Jacinto County achieve our common goals of improving law enforcement service in San Jacinto County.

Respectfully,

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