

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**Between**  
**FORT BEND COUNTY (through its Office of Emergency Management)**  
**And the**  
**FORT BEND COUNTY CONSTABLE – PRECINCT #1**  
**FORT BEND COUNTY CONSTABLE – PRECINCT #2**  
**FORT BEND COUNTY CONSTABLE – PRECINCT #3**  
**FORT BEND COUNTY CONSTABLE – PRECINCT #4**

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**This Memorandum of Understanding is by, and between Fort Bend County, Texas, a governmental subdivision of the State of Texas, and each of the Fort Bend County Constable Offices, with respect to certain procedures and responsibilities related to the provision of essential and necessary services to the citizens of Fort Bend County during times of disaster and emergency.**

**WHEREAS, during the County's response to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita in 2005, it became apparent that law enforcement services were needed by the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), headed by the County Judge, performing in his role as the Emergency Management Director; and, the staff of the County's Constable Offices provided essential and necessary services to the citizens during this emergency and the County Judge attributed much of the County's successful response to the efforts of the Constable Offices; and,**

**WHEREAS, State and Local regulations designate the County Judge as the official responsible for directing emergency management services for Fort Bend County, through the County's Office of Emergency Management, each of the four Constables in Fort Bend County are responsible for providing needed law enforcement services to the citizens of Fort Bend County at all times; and**

**WHEREAS, the County Judge, performing in his role as Emergency Management Director, requires certain law enforcement services during times of emergency, such services to include, but are not limited to, securing County facilities; providing support to the County's fueling and feeding program for stranded motorists; providing escorts for buses containing evacuees; providing security to sites that may be utilized during deployment of the Strategic National Stockpile; providing assistance with the County EOC during activations, such as assisting in Planning, Logistics, and other National Incident Management System compliant activities; and other duties as directed by the County Judge; and,**

**WHEREAS, it is likely that the County Court System will be shut down during declared emergencies, and therefore, each Constable may have available manpower to assist the County Judge with needed law enforcement services.**

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**NOW THEREFORE, this Memorandum of Understanding has been developed with the purpose of guiding and directing the above parties in a working relationship related to use of the staff of each of the Constable Offices by the County Judge during times of emergency, with the expressed goal of providing high quality service to the citizens of Fort Bend County.**


**TO THAT END, and in order to achieve an effective working relationship between the Office of Emergency Management, directed by the County Judge, and the four Constable Offices; and also to properly reflect this relationship to other parties, the County Judge and each Fort Bend County Constable agree that:**

- **All parties will commit to taking actions required to provide for the safety and well-being of the general public, and the restoration of vital services, before, during, and after a disaster of emergency.**
- **All parties will maintain, participate, and assist in the development of the County's Emergency Operations Plan, as needed; and additionally, all parties will comply with federal regulations related to the National Incident Management System.**
- **In accordance with State Law, it is recognized that sworn officers working in each Constable Office are essential emergency service personnel who are required, in the normal course and scope of their employment, to provide services for the benefit of the general public during emergency situations.**
- **All parties will comply with the County's Emergency Operations Personnel and Payroll Procedures, and other related County policies.**
- **During times of emergency, the County Judge will determine the need for law enforcement services, and as needed, may request that those needed services be provided by staff from the County's Constable Offices.**
- **During times of emergency, each Constable Office will provide trained law enforcement officers, from available manpower, to meet the law enforcement needs as determined by the County Judge.**
- **The Office of Emergency Management will provide coordination services, as needed for this Memorandum of Understanding, including the provision of emergency management related training as requested by the Constable Offices.**

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Fort Bend County and each Fort Bend County Constable, as of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby accept and agree to this Memorandum of Understanding.


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Robert E. Hebert  
County Judge

  
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Ramon Ramirez  
Precinct #1

  
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Ruben Davis, Constable  
Precinct #2

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Laura Richard  
County Clerk

  
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Rob Cook, Constable  
Precinct #3

  
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Trever J. Nehls, Constable  
Precinct #4