

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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To the Honorable KP George and the Fort Bend County Commissioners:

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office has been awarded funding in the amount of \$477,840.00 for the purchase of an Armored Critical Incident Tactical Vehicle, which according to FEMA guidelines qualifies as Controlled Equipment and requires that we provide official written notice to our civilian governing body notifying of our intent to acquire such equipment.

As background: recently, President Biden signed EO 14074, Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices to Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety.

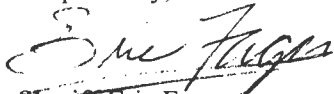
Under Sections 12(a) and (b) of EO 14074, "recipients and sub recipients are prohibited from purchasing certain types of equipment, setting forth requirements and procedures by which recipients and sub recipients may potentially purchase controlled equipment under FEMA federal financial assistance awards, and by imposing various other requirements stemming from the recommendations issued under EO 13688" (FEMA Policy, 207-22-0002, p. 2).

The FEMA guidelines further indicate that "For LEAs where the chief executive is popularly elected (e.g., Sheriffs), the LEA must provide official written notice to—but are not required to obtain approval from—their civilian governing body at least 30 days in advance of any application to acquire excepted or controlled equipment from the Federal Government" (id., 6).

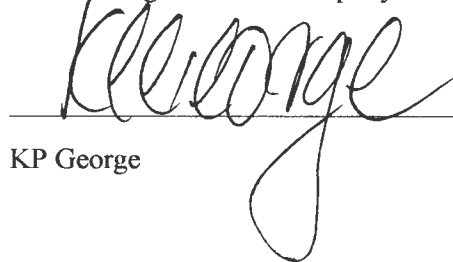
We were informed of this requirement on March 23, 2023, after having applied for and been awarded funding (which will not be received until January 2024).

Please let this letter serve as official written notice to the Honorable KP George and the Fort Bend County Commissioners of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office's intent to purchase an Armored Critical Incident Tactical Vehicle.

Respectfully,


Sheriff Eric Fagan

Acknowledgement of Receipt by the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court:



KP George

4.11.2023

Date