

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between the Houston County Sheriff's Office and the Crockett Police Department

For the Establishment of a Multi-Agency Major Crimes Task Force

I. PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between the Houston County Sheriff's Office (hereinafter "HCSO") and the Crockett Police Department (hereinafter "CPD") to establish and support a Major Crimes Task Force (hereinafter "Task Force") to enhance the investigation, apprehension, and prosecution of individuals involved in major crimes within Houston County and the surrounding jurisdictions.

II. BACKGROUND

Recognizing the need for coordinated efforts and the pooling of resources and expertise, the HCSO and CPD agree to collaborate through a Task Force structure. This collaborative effort is intended to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of law enforcement responses to serious crimes such as homicides, aggravated assaults, robberies, kidnappings, and other major felony offenses.

III. SCOPE

This Task Force shall operate within the jurisdictional boundaries of Houston County and may extend its operations into neighboring jurisdictions, as permitted by law and upon mutual agreement.

IV. ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE

1. Leadership and Command:

The Task Force shall operate under a joint command structure, with supervisory authority shared between the Criminal Investigation Supervisors of the Houston County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) and the Crockett Police Department (CPD). These supervisors shall work collaboratively to oversee Task Force operations, ensure effective coordination, and manage investigative priorities.

Jurisdictional command responsibilities shall be as follows:

- The HCSO supervisor shall assume primary command and lead investigative operations outside the corporate limits of the City of Crockett.
- The CPD supervisor shall assume primary command and lead investigative operations within the corporate limits of the City of Crockett.

Any deviation from these jurisdictional roles may be made upon mutual agreement by both supervisors, based on the nature, scope, or complexity of the investigation.

2. Personnel Assignments:

Each participating agency shall assign personnel to the Task Force as resources permit. These assignments may include investigators, analysts, support personnel, and other relevant staff.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

1. Personnel Oversight and Liability:

Each respective agency shall retain all responsibility for its employees assigned to the Task Force. This includes, but is not limited to:

Supervision and discipline

Salary and benefits

Workers' compensation

Training and certification

Use of force reviews

Legal liability and indemnification

2. Equipment and Resources:

Agencies may contribute equipment, vehicles, and other resources to the Task Force. Unless otherwise agreed upon in writing, ownership and maintenance responsibilities remain with the contributing agency.

VI. INFORMATION SHARING AND CONFIDENTIALITY

The participating agencies agree to share relevant information in accordance with applicable laws and departmental policies. Sensitive information shall be protected, and all Task Force personnel shall be bound by applicable confidentiality rules.

VII. TERM AND TERMINATION

This MOU shall be effective upon signature by both parties and shall remain in effect unless terminated by either party with thirty (30) days written notice. Upon termination, each agency agrees to coordinate the orderly withdrawal of personnel and resources.

VIII. MODIFICATIONS

This MOU may be modified at any time by written mutual agreement of both parties.

IX. SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as of the dates written below.

For the Houston County Sheriff's Office

County Judge

Date: _____

Sheriff

Date: _____

For the Crockett Police Department

Mayor

Date: _____

Chief of Police

Date: _____