

Contained in our current grant submission, is funding to support the purchase of a FLIR system for our fixed wing aircraft. This allows the aircraft to fix on target both during the day and in hours of darkness. We use this to locate persons, both those who are simply lost in open areas and criminal suspects fleeing. We also are able to call off ground units pursuing fleeing vehicles, as the aircraft equipped with FLIR can fix on the vehicle and follow it from the air undetected until it stops. Once the vehicle has stopped ground units can move in to arrest a suspect. This reduces liability and danger to the public, which is inherent with vehicular pursuits. If not funded through the Stonegarden grant this will have to be purchased with local tax dollars as the current unit is reaching the end of its service life (about \$500,000).

4. Whether or not local law enforcement activities can resume when deputies are clocked in under OPSG if there is a need

Yes. It is a simple matter of the personnel going off the Stonegarden clock and back on the county clock. If there is an urgent county public safety need, it will always be the priority.

5. If there was a response to Mr. Huckelberry's query about expanded mission and function under OPSG

We are not sure what you are referring to with this question. We continue to work with our federal partners to better define the parameters under which we operate. Of paramount importance is the fact that deputies do not engage in proactive federal immigration enforcement. The grant language contains no requirement to do so. The grant refers to denial of access, which involves law enforcement presence to deter unauthorized entrance to the country.

6. The full grant application INCLUDING the FY 2018 and FY 2018 "Operation Stonegarden Operations Order and Budget Template"

Please see attached.

7. The vehicle stops and citations numbers under OPSG for FY 2017 and the portion of FY 2018 while OPSG was active

We have previously not captured this information. There are three reasons for this. First, because there had not been any prior expressed interest in the review of this data by the community. Second, the capture of this data was not required under the terms of the Stonegarden program. Finally, because our records management system is not well designed to capture operation specific data of this type. When we became aware through CLEPC of the community concern, we developed a manual tracking system to capture this data. Before this could be implemented, our participation in Stonegarden was ended.

When we become a Stonegarden participant again, we have a tracking system developed that ensures we can readily produce this data. We will then maintain the data and be able to report it to the community. It can also be used to evaluate the efficacy of deployments. This will enhance transparency.

8. The FY 2017 and FY 2018 amount of people turned over to Border Patrol

Generally, the same answer as provided to item number 7. However, since March 2018 we have been tracking in Communications the number of times we contact Border Patrol for assistance for any reason. Since that time, we have only called Border Patrol 37 times for the

sole purpose of assistance with a suspected undocumented person. Only seven (7) of those occasions were as part of a Stonegarden deployment. The Sheriff's Department contacted Border Patrol 841 times from March 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019. The majority of the calls to Border Patrol (713, 84.8%) were at the request of a migrant or migrants lost and in distress in the desert. We contact Border Patrol in these cases because their search & rescue asset (BORSTAR) is most readily available to affect the rescue. This saves lives. We have learned that it is in fact a very rare occurrence for our deputies to contact Border Patrol for the sole reason of a possible immigration violation. The Sheriff's Department does not engage in proactive immigration enforcement. We do not have the authority to do so and it is not our role.

9. The FY 2017 and FY 2018 total arrests (misdemeanor and felony)

Again, the response to item 7 applies. We have included some information we previously supplied regarding Stonegarden operations for your review on the attached. It is important to note that an equal responsibility under Stonegarden deployments is deterrence. Our increased presence deters drug and human trafficking through the county. While it is not possible to quantify deterrence, it is also unreasonable to assume it does not exist. Both human and drug traffickers are opportunist who desire to avoid detection.

10. The FY 2017 and FY 2018 total cost per hour under OPSG

This data has not been captured in the past and would be exceedingly difficult to produce now. It would vary depending on many factors, among them the hourly rate of an individual deputy, type of vehicle deployed, miles driven, other department assets utilized, etc. If this level of detail is desired by CLEPC in the future, we could add it to the new tracking system we have developed.

The Sheriff's Department needs Stonegarden funding to enhance the presence of our personnel in the county to interdict drug and human traffickers. The presence of our personnel has a humanitarian element in saving migrants in distress and dissuading the criminal victimization of them.

We have an opioid crisis in our country that is a public health emergency. Our county is a major conduit for the transportation of this dangerous drug whether coming through the desert between the ports of entry or through the ports of entry. From either pathway, the drugs come through our county at some point. We should embrace any efforts to stem the tide of this epidemic. Every interdiction, no matter how small, is a potential life saved.

We are best served when our local law enforcement officers are deployed as part of this program. They are your public servants and responsive to your concerns. They are a part of our community. The Sheriff as an elected official is accountable to the people of our county.

We need Stonegarden funding to purchase critical public safety equipment. Since 2006, this grant funding has provided for almost \$6 million in equipment for the Sheriff's Department. This is mission critical equipment that supports public safety in our county and saves lives. Absent this funding the equipment would have to be purchased with local tax dollars or worse not purchased due to a lack of available local funding. That would have a detrimental impact to safety for all of us.

We have taken steps to address the concerns of the community with respect to the Stonegarden program. We have policies where none existed before. We changed operational