

JACKSON COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

P.O. Box 392 Blue Springs, Missouri 64015

Dear Chief Travis Forbes:

As you know, the Jackson County Drug Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional enforcement group pursuant to a cooperative Memorandum of Understanding between participating entities. The MOU currently in place dates back to 1998. The task force has received feedback from the Missouri Department of Public Safety that the MOU should be updated to reflect current operating practices. This feedback has been given in response to the task force's application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, which represents a significant funding source for the task force.

Accordingly, an updated MOU has been prepared and has been approved by Jackson County, and is attached. The new MOU will take effect starting April 1, 2018. The new MOU reflects current operating practices, such as officer selection to the task force, duties of the Officer-in-Charge, and governance. Governance remains by a board of directors comprised of the entity's chief executive Peace Officer (or designee). Additionally, the Board of Directors has discussed obtaining liability coverage, in addition to an entity's existing coverage, and those efforts remain on-going.

I ask that you seek the requisite approval of the new MOU through your city. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bryon Price

Oak Grove Chief of Police &

Chairman, JCDTF