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P R O C E E D I N G S

(7:04 a.m.)

MS. JONES: It's 7:04, and we will now resume our Committee meeting.

Galveston, you're up.

LT HILL: Good morning. I didn't want to spend -- Lieutenant Smitty Hill with the Galveston County Sheriff's Office.

We're on the Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force, and we have two catalytic convertor spots. I didn't want to spend a whole lot of time going over Galveston County again and take up people's time. Y'all understand where Galveston is and what we're -- what we deal with on a regular basis.

The notable changes on this grant that I marked down were going to be asking for an additional position in the cat grant. It's going to come with the obvious implementation of a person, expenses as far as the things they're going to need for their day in, day out work -- right -- minus the vehicle. We're going to -- we actually already have a vehicle for them.

So like I said, trying to be good stewards of the dollar on that kind of stuff, and what better than to have them in a marked, visible unit. Because part of this -- I'll explain it here in a second -- part of it's

1 crime prevention. The other request is phones for  
2 existing -- that position and the existing position.

3 So where we run into the biggest issue -- I  
4 took over in January, and one of the things I noticed from  
5 an efficiency standpoint is that we shut down one day out  
6 of every week to do 68A inspections, which are 100 percent  
7 necessary and we're on board with. But what that equates  
8 to is 20 percent of everybody in the Taskforce and the  
9 catalytic convertor side are stopping work 20 percent of  
10 the time out of every year.

11 So from an efficiency standpoint, it just  
12 doesn't work that well. So what we are -- what we're  
13 asking for is, a position solely dedicated to two things:  
14 68A inspections and crime prevention.

15 So our catalytic convertor people have a  
16 tremendous amount of success, because they work hand-in-  
17 hand with the Auto Theft Task Force. And to say, like,  
18 there's no catalytic convertor problem, we all know that  
19 crime doesn't necessarily just go away. It kind of  
20 changes shape.

21 So recently, we've had, like -- like I said the  
22 week before in another class, we had a seizure of about  
23 100 cats here recently, just on shop inspections. Well --  
24 and each one of those shop inspections turn over VIN swaps  
25 and stolen vehicles and stuff like that.

1           So they work as more of a collective. It's not  
2     like these are these guys, and these are these guys; they  
3     definitely work together. So our sell on it is if I can  
4     mitigate the downtime that they're having just because  
5     they have to do these things, we can accomplish more with  
6     what we already have.

7           So what I'm trying to do with that position is  
8     to open up four days a week to conduct inspections. We  
9     already sit on anywhere from a two- to three-and-a-half-  
10    month backlogs on those inspections. And I can tell you  
11    that the people calling us for those inspections are less  
12    than excited to speak with us on the phone, just because  
13    they have to wait so long.

14           They're just as clueless as the rest of the  
15    general public. So it's -- as the public service  
16    standpoint, we are doing a disservice at some point,  
17    making them wait that long to be in compliance.

18           So -- and just to touch on social media again,  
19    took over that in January, and it's rocking and rolling.

20           MS. JONES: So what are you asking for?

21           LT HILL: It's a new position, one new  
22    position.

23           MS. JONES: Any questions?

24           (No response.)

25           MS. JONES: Thank you.

1 LT HILL: Thank you.

2 MS. JONES: I'm one Dallas PD presentation away  
3 from losing my voice. We have the City of Galveston,  
4 Glasscock County, and then Groves, City of Groves.

5 Good morning, sir.

6 SGT MORRISON: Good morning. I'm Sergeant  
7 Marcus Morrison with the Galveston Police Department,  
8 along with Lieutenant Tim Buck. Our agency has  
9 approximately 169 sworn officers, five of which are  
10 dedicated to Property Crime Division investigators.

11 Little bit about Galveston, we range between  
12 53- to 54,000 permanent residents. Along with that, over  
13 7 million visitors annually, as we host major events  
14 throughout the year.

15 Jumping right into the 2026 equipment request,  
16 requesting three pole cameras. These cameras would be  
17 able to cover more area and allow us to monitor more  
18 places with less officers to specifically monitor  
19 catalytic convertor auto theft hotspots.

20 One bucket truck or covert van, this would  
21 allow us to move these pole cameras when municipal help is  
22 not available. It would help us develop more leads and in  
23 turn lead to more arrests. We have two GPD officers who  
24 have attended high voltage training, who would be able to  
25 assist throughout Galveston County when needed. Along

1 with that, this bucket truck would -- could also be  
2 utilized with the Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force as  
3 mutual aid during any operations -- is what we're hoping.

4 Three vehicle trackers. Adding these trackers  
5 would allow us to track more vehicles and allow us to  
6 monitor these areas at once regarding these known  
7 catalytic convertor suspects.

8 Two police trucks. Our fleet doesn't have  
9 four-wheel drive vehicles for our detectives. Our terrain  
10 is very unique; it's sandy dunes and mud terrains. It  
11 would be nice for these detectives to be able to get to  
12 these areas.

13 Tactical equipment, which isn't provided to our  
14 department, would be vital for proactive operations for  
15 our department. Supplies and direct operating expenses.  
16 Requesting Flock camera subscriptions, tower cameras, air  
17 time and data package -- both camera air time and data  
18 package, laptop license and data package, vehicle tracker  
19 data package. This would allow us to continue to use  
20 these -- this equipment gained from last year's grant.

21 We are requesting and would like one drone.  
22 This drone would be huge for us. We would be able to  
23 cover 95 percent of our island dealing with these  
24 catalytic convertor reported, as 90 percent of all crimes  
25 committed in Galveston, with approximately 86-second

1 respond time, which would be a tremendous help.

2 And that wouldn't be possible without y'all's  
3 assistance and supplementation. We do utilize social  
4 media platforms. We do have public information officers  
5 who disseminate information on bulletin boards to the  
6 public. We also attend various public gatherings and  
7 meetings throughout the whole year, as we host some as  
8 well.

9 That's all I got.

10 MS. JONES: No questions?

11 (No response.)

12 SGT MORRISON: Thank you.

13 MS. JONES: Thank you. Glasscock County?

14 Glasscock County?

15 (No response.)

16 MS. JONES: City of Groves? After Groves is  
17 Gunter and Hallettsville.

18 Good morning, sir.

19 MR. ROBIN: Good morning. My name is  
20 Christopher Robin. I'm the City Marshal over the Groves  
21 Police Department. I'm honored to represent the City of  
22 Groves as a new MVCPA grant applicant, while we seek  
23 support to expand our efforts against catalytic convertor  
24 theft and other auto-related crimes in our community.

25 The City of Groves is a mid-size city in



1 Southeast Texas, located at the heart of the petrochemical  
2 region, bordered by multiple state and farm-to-market  
3 highways. We have an additional one that runs straight  
4 through our city. As a bedroom community primarily, with  
5 limited commercial and industrial opportunities in  
6 development, we serve not only our local residents, but  
7 also a large number of contract workers that travel  
8 through or to our area, either daily or for long periods  
9 of time as they work on contract through the plants.

10 Many of those workers park in large,  
11 centralized lots and shuttle in to the plants that work,  
12 creating both security risks and investigative challenges  
13 when thefts and other auto theft offenses do occur.

14 Our Department handles a broad range of calls  
15 with limited resources, but our mission stays the same:  
16 protect our community, the businesses that we do have, but  
17 also those of our workforce locally and those traveling  
18 through.

19 Uh-oh. Green button is not getting me to the  
20 next slide. Thank you.

21 While catalytic convertor theft has decreased,  
22 as y'all have seen in these statistics over the course of  
23 the day yesterday, the potential for the resurgence,  
24 obviously, remains, and auto crimes as a whole still  
25 remain as well. And we want to stay proactive. We know

1 that criminals get creative and that they adapt, and we  
2 want to stay ahead of that trend.

3 While this grant that we are requesting  
4 specifically for 12 LPRs, fixed in strategic locations, as  
5 well as a mobile camera to use for community events, as  
6 well as in response to hotspots, as crime does occur,  
7 we're asking for a little over 63,300 in funding, that  
8 we'll match at 20 percent. This will be a critical tool  
9 to really boost our investigative possibilities and serve  
10 as a powerful deterrent, assisting a team that really  
11 already does a lot more with less.

12 And our goal is not just to deploy this  
13 technology. We want to be able to maximize its impact.  
14 These tools will tie directly into a real-time crime  
15 center in our region, and this will deepen our  
16 collaboration with neighboring, partnering agencies, as we  
17 fight crime across Southeast Texas.

18 Though a new grantee, we have hit the ground  
19 running. We've already launched some outreach  
20 opportunities, both with our council briefings,  
21 neighborhood watch meetings, focused social media response  
22 and campaign as well to educate the public to exactly what  
23 these things are capable of, how they prevent crime and  
24 our mission and how we will use them.

25 We've also engaged with local businesses,

1 schools, and community leaders, trying to be very, very  
2 thorough about this technology, what it does, and  
3 specifically, what it does not do. No additional,  
4 inappropriate government oversight or anything along those  
5 lines.

6 I thought I had a lot more time. I guess when  
7 I read it in my head, it's a lot shorter.

8 Any questions?

9 MR. SLOAN: Real quick, Marshal.

10 MR. ROBIN: Absolutely.

11 MR. SLOAN: Can you differentiate between  
12 the -- you've got 12 cameras for test pole -- tested  
13 poles, and then the ALPR cameras. Is that one and the  
14 same or just --

15 MR. ROBIN: Yeah. The poles --

16 MR. SLOAN: -- police?

17 MR. ROBIN: Yes, absolutely. So they're  
18 specifically fixed, and a lot of the ones that we are  
19 choosing are going three lanes. They have to be outside  
20 of roadways, highways, and working with the contract that  
21 made that pitch to us, said they need to be these type of  
22 poles for the location for those.

23 MR. SLOAN: Thank you.

24 MR. ROBIN: Absolutely. Any other questions?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. ROBIN: Thank you.

2 MS. JONES: Good morning, sir.

3 SGT WILBANKS: Good morning. Thank you guys  
4 for being here and thanks for inviting our city to  
5 represent. I'm not great in the mornings, and it's very  
6 early, so I'll try to do my best.

7 So my name is Sergeant Wilbanks with the Gunter  
8 Police Department.

9 Our Department consists of eight full-time  
10 employees or full-time sworn officers. Right now, we're  
11 at seven with one opening. We're located in Grayson  
12 County, but on the Grayson County/Collin County border.  
13 So essentially, we almost border Celina -- you heard from  
14 yesterday, the fastest-growing city in the U.S.

15 So while we don't necessarily see catalytic  
16 convertor theft right now, I believe they're going  
17 undetected and unreported. But we understand that there's  
18 not an invisible force field around our city that keeps  
19 bad guys from coming in, and these things won't happen.

20 Grayson County covers about 932 miles -- square  
21 miles, and we cover pretty much the southern part of that.

22 We supplement manpower for the county, so we cover our  
23 city limits, ETJ, and they generally stay in different  
24 parts of the county. So a response for county is slow, so  
25 we supplement that.

1           So we're asking for the grant in order to get  
2   LPRs to combat potential motor vehicle crimes, vehicle  
3   burglaries, cat convertors, and auto thefts.

4           Don't know how to click this thing. I  
5   didn't -- oh, we're going through.

6           So we're asking to partner with Flock Safety.  
7   I think the next slide -- oops, sorry. We'll be asking  
8   for five license plate readers to put at the major ingress  
9   points of our city, to catch incoming traffic.

10          I've been in talks with Prosper PD. As of  
11   yesterday, they're trying to get the Auto Taskforce going,  
12   and we want to commit some type of commitment to that. So  
13   the reason we went to Flock instead of another server is  
14   all of our area is essentially Flock. So we want our  
15   cameras to supplement everyone else's as well, and their  
16   cameras to supplement ours. We're going to be asking for  
17   five cameras, which is \$15,000 total, 12,500 from the  
18   grant, and 2,500 from the City.

19          As far as social media goes, we have an active  
20   Facebook that we post regularly on. We do plan to have  
21   events to help educate the public about motor vehicle  
22   crimes. I've talked to Flock Safety, and they've  
23   committed someone to come to one of our social events,  
24   like our Fourth of July, our Holiday Market, something  
25   like that, to set up a tent and try to educate the public

1 further.

2 MS. JONES: No questions, sir. Thank you.

3 SGT WILBANKS: All right. Thank you.

4 MS. JONES: Hallettsville, Harris County, and  
5 then Heath.

6 MS. HENSLEY: I promise I didn't do it.

7 MS. JONES: You have to sing a song.

8 MS. HENSLEY: You really don't want that.

9 MS. JONES: Tom said, interpretive dance.

10 So --

11 MS. HENSLEY: Yeah. I've got a two-year-old.  
12 The best thing I can do is "Baby Shark" right now.

13 (Pause.)

14 MS. JONES: Go ahead.

15 MS. HENSLEY: Okay. Good morning. My name is  
16 Anily Hensley, and I'm here representing the Hallettsville  
17 Police Department, and we're located in Lavaca County.

18 We're a small department of about eight  
19 officers, including our Chief, safeguarding the nearly  
20 3,000 residents of Hallettsville, a community that sees  
21 about 15,000 travelers daily, due to our location at the  
22 intersection of US Highways 90A and 77.

23 We're applying for this grant to launch a  
24 proactive catalytic convertor theft program that leverages  
25 technology and public engagement to protect both our

1 residents and the thousands who pass through our city.  
2 Since January, data from the NIBRS system confirms a  
3 steady pattern of vehicle thefts and related activity  
4 throughout Lavaca County. And even though we haven't  
5 reported any catalytic convertor thefts in the last two  
6 years, incidents have occurred in the past. We've  
7 recently seen an uptick in stolen vehicles, many of which  
8 are tied to drug smuggling and weapon smuggling  
9 operations.

10 Hallettsville's location makes us an actual  
11 smuggling corridor. We're just 15 minutes south of I-10  
12 and centrally located between Houston, San Antonio, and  
13 Austin. This grant would allow us to act before convertor  
14 theft becomes a more serious local issue.

15 We're focused on the prevention now, not  
16 reaction later. We're requesting \$74,400 from the Board  
17 for eight Flock license plate recognition cameras at high-  
18 traffic access points, a mobile LPR speed trailer, and  
19 then also Peacemaker laptops for our unit, so that way, we  
20 can access these cameras. These tools will allow our  
21 officers to access the LPR data in real time, using BOLO  
22 list and law enforcement bulletins to track suspect  
23 vehicles and respond quickly when a known offender enters  
24 our city limits.

25 This system will transform every single patrol

1 unit into a mobile surveillance unit, expanding our reach  
2 and response time to help protect our community.

3 Technology is only part of our approach. We  
4 hope to plan -- educate -- there it goes -- the public by  
5 sharing prevention tips through our Facebook and community  
6 events such as National Night Out, or -- we're Southeast  
7 Texas, so we do Chill with a Cop, instead of a Coffee with  
8 a Cop. We engage directly with the vulnerable areas, such  
9 as the school parking lots, local dealerships, and local  
10 businesses where vehicles are often left unattended. And  
11 we'll continue to collaborate with the surrounding  
12 agencies and continue our work with Operation Lone Star to  
13 share that LPR data across the agencies.

14 These images right here show just some of the  
15 real spaces we're working to protect, and not included are  
16 the three BMVs that we were informed about that happened  
17 as we were on our way up. Schools, businesses,  
18 neighborhoods.

19 Any questions?

20 (No response.)

21 MS. JONES: I don't know. Do we have any?

22 MS. HENSLEY: I tried to put it all in there.

23 MS. JONES: No, thank you, ma'am.

24 MS. HENSLEY: Thank you.

25 MS. JONES: You're welcome. After Harris



1 County is Heath, and then the City of Henderson. And  
2 Hewitt is after that.

3 Sir, do you have the right PowerPoint?

4 LT GONZALEZ: I was going to get there. Good  
5 morning. For the record, my name is John Gonzalez, and  
6 I'm the Lieutenant and Task Force Commander for the Harris  
7 County Sheriff's Office.

8 First, I'd like to apologize to the Board for  
9 the confusion yesterday morning. That was a clear error  
10 on my behalf, and I will proudly wear that. All right.

11 Quick overview of our agency. We are the third  
12 largest sheriff's office in the nation, the largest in  
13 Texas, and from the comments yesterday, apparently the  
14 most disliked. We have just over 5,100 employees and  
15 cover 1,788 square miles.

16 We have a population of over 4.8 million  
17 residents. As the late artist Biggie Smalls said, mo  
18 money, mo problems. I can testify that this also goes for  
19 population as well.

20 Unfortunately, Harris County is severely  
21 allergic to being crime-free, and a lot of our crooks tend  
22 to wander off into other jurisdictions, so you're welcome,  
23 everyone. We are accepting lateral transfers, by the way.

24 Here's the breakdown of our unit. We have a  
25 total of 21 personnel, one lieutenant, being me, four

1 sergeants, four team detectives, with four of those being  
2 classified or undercover personnel. We also have two  
3 civilian clerks who help us with our administrative  
4 duties.

5 I've included some numbers from catalytic  
6 convertor related incidents year by year. These are  
7 reported incidents, not necessarily the amount of  
8 convertors taken. As you can see, in 2022, we were at  
9 3,026 incidents, and that number dropped significantly the  
10 following year.

11 In 2024, that number continued to fall, but as  
12 you can see, in 2025, that number is slowly starting to  
13 trickle back up. Even though the numbers are still lower  
14 than in 2022, we are continuing to be proactive by  
15 conducting business inspections, as well as our bait and  
16 covert operations.

17 We believe that the rising prices of metal is  
18 to blame for this increase. Per mining.com, the price of  
19 rhodium, which is one of the precious metals inside the  
20 catalytic convertor, increased 20 percent from '24 to '25.

21 Here are just a few reasons the MVCPA grant  
22 helps our agency. Obviously, it provides equipment and  
23 funding for training -- and training for our personnel, so  
24 our personnel can combat and deter catalytic and other  
25 auto related crimes. We also enjoy the collaboration with

1 partner law enforcement agencies and auto theft  
2 taskforces.

3 In this particular photo -- I chose it because  
4 it shows our partners, with the Houston Police Department,  
5 who are also in Harris County, by the way -- showed great  
6 support by attending the ceremony for the renaming and  
7 unveiling of the Deputy Darren Almendarez Memorial  
8 Highway, who we all know Senate Bill 224 is named after.  
9 He was actually who tragically lost his life while  
10 attempting to stop a catalytic convertor theft.

11 Regarding social media, our agency has accounts  
12 on the majority of Meta-based platforms such as X,  
13 Facebook, and Instagram, as well as our own YouTube  
14 channel. In addition, we also have had great success with  
15 the NextDoor application. Earlier this year, our agency  
16 was awarded the Neighborly Award, which is recognized at a  
17 national level.

18 Our unit did have its own account, but due to  
19 our agency being so large, we felt the best way to be  
20 effective was to funnel everything through our main  
21 account, which has just over a quarter million followers.

22 We've also been working with Amber Ott when it  
23 comes to sharing our stories, so thank you, Amber.

24 We're asking the MVCPA for funding in the  
25 amount of \$255,150, with our 20 percent cash match of

1 51,030 -- will bring our total project amount to \$306,180.

2 I've got 13 seconds left. For the sake of  
3 time, I could break down each of those requests if you'd  
4 like, or I can answer any questions.

5 (No response.)

6 MS. JONES: No questions, sir.

7 LT GONZALEZ: Thank you.

8 MS. JONES: City of Heath.

9 CAPT ROWAN: Good morning. I'm Captain --

10 MS. JONES: No, no, no, no.

11 CAPT ROWAN: Oh, it's already on.

12 MS. JONES: No touchy-touchy.

13 CAPT ROWAN: My buddy said I had to hit the  
14 button. He lied to me. He did that on purpose.

15 MS. JONES: Set you up.

16 CAPT ROWAN: Yeah, he did. I'm Captain Keven  
17 Rowan with the City of Heath Police Department --  
18 actually, DPS. We're located in Rockwall County, Texas.  
19 It's a rapidly growing community.

20 I don't even know how to change this slide.  
21 I'm color-blind. There we go.

22 Heath PD best serves the city of Heath, Texas,  
23 a rapidly growing community in Rockwall County, which is  
24 the smallest county in the state of Texas. The city of  
25 Heath has a population of approximately 11,000, and we're

1 expected to more than double within the next 10 years.  
2 Our department is unique and has a current force of 34  
3 sworn members who are triple-certified, police, fire, and  
4 EMS as well.

5 We are requesting funds to support our  
6 continued efforts in crime reduction and public safety  
7 enhancement. The specific use of the funding is for the  
8 lease of additional ALPR cameras. The cameras will help  
9 complete a strategic network of cameras covering all major  
10 entry points of the city, and this will allow us to  
11 drastically increase our ability to deter and investigate  
12 criminal activity.

13 In addition to crime prevention, the ALPR will  
14 support existing pan-tilt-zoom system located at our  
15 popular city park that includes a boat ramp. The park  
16 sees high volumes of visitors, especially during peak  
17 recreational seasons. The camera will help monitor  
18 activity, enhance public safety, and assist in  
19 investigations as needed as well.

20 I know I forgot to tell you what we're asking  
21 for. So currently, we have one ALPR, one pan-tilt-zoom  
22 camera, and one fixed camera within the city. These funds  
23 will help support an additional two ALPRs and one more  
24 pan-tilt-zoom.

25 So we're asking -- the total grant for \$9,000.

1       Heath will cover 1,800, and we're asking for the grant to  
2       help with 7,200.

3               And if anybody has any questions?

4               (No response.)

5               MS. JONES: No questions. Thank you.

6               CAPT ROWAN: Yes, ma'am. Thank you.

7               MS. JONES: Henderson?

8               MR. BICE: Apparently not. Good morning. I'm  
9       Detective Reagan Bice. I'm here with Lieutenant Brian  
10      Bathke and my Chief of Police, Chad Taylor.

11              City of Henderson is located in East Texas. We  
12      service -- we serve approximately 13,500 as our  
13      population, and we see traffic volumes daily at the rate  
14      of about 20,000 vehicles. We're located on the major  
15      intersection corridors of 259, 64, 79.

16              We're kind of centrally located between Tyler,  
17      Nacogdoches, and Shreveport, Louisiana. So we see a lot  
18      of traffic. In the past year, we've experienced crime  
19      rates related to vehicle at the rate of about 128  
20      incidents.

21              We have 30 sworn officers and four detectives.

22      As you can understand that those incidents severely  
23      overwhelm our investigative capabilities. Because of our  
24      location and because of the fact that we are lacking  
25      surveillance technology and investigative technology,

1 we've become a soft underbelly for criminals, both locally  
2 and criminals that are coming from out of our  
3 jurisdiction.

4 Today, we are going to be asking y'all to  
5 assist us in funding at the tune of \$20,833. We're going  
6 to provide a cash match of \$4,167, bringing our total to  
7 25,000. With that funds, we are going to try and  
8 purchase, or we will purchase, six Flock cameras to be  
9 strategically located to assist in those investigative  
10 tactics.

11 We have analytics that show where our crimes  
12 are most prevalent, and that's going to be our shopping  
13 areas and some of our higher crime areas that are located  
14 within the city. Deployment of those cameras will help us  
15 identify suspect vehicles that are involved in those  
16 incidents. They're going to help give our detectives and  
17 our officers real-time information to target those  
18 vehicles and those suspects. We also are part of a  
19 regional SWAT team, and we can use that information and  
20 statistics that are coming from those to help with life-  
21 saving actions from our SWAT team as well.

22 We have independently provided six M500 ALPR  
23 cameras to go on our patrol vehicles, and this addition  
24 would help us in multiplying that force.

25 We have a very active social media and

1 community-based department. We often post social media  
2 awareness posts, and as well as we have a very active  
3 community that helps us in solving crimes that we post to  
4 social media. It's the goal of Henderson Police  
5 Department to not only post awareness, but to reach out to  
6 our community stakeholders and try and get them to invest  
7 on the private side of investing in cameras and crime  
8 reduction aspects as a force multiplier.

9 Do y'all have any questions for us this  
10 morning?

11 (No response.)

12 MS. JONES: No, sir. Thank you.

13 MR. BICE: Thank y'all.

14 MS. JONES: We have Hewitt, Hidalgo County, and  
15 City of Holland.

16 CHIEF CHAVEZ: Good morning, Board. I pushed  
17 it -- I turned it off. Sorry.

18 Joseph Chavez with the Hewitt Police  
19 Department, Assistant Chief over field operations.

20 Our agency is made up of 31 sworn personnel, 13  
21 civilian staff. We serve a community of approximately  
22 17,000 citizens. We're located in Central Texas, just off  
23 of I-35.

24 We sit at the south side of the city of Waco.  
25 It's the largest in our county, surrounded by Robinson,



1 Lorena, and Woodway as well. Major Interstate I-35  
2 divides our city and the city of Robinson. We have two  
3 exits, the 328, 325, that feeds directly into our city off  
4 of I-35.

5 I'm here today to tell you that we're focused  
6 on prevention and mitigation. I have a couple of stats  
7 pulled from MVCPA from 2023. Our county made the top 20  
8 list for motor vehicle theft, as well as Bell County, who  
9 is our immediate neighbor to the south. And we understand  
10 that these crimes, the criminals, flow back and forth  
11 between our counties.

12 We're trying to prevent the whole taking place  
13 in our community and the region. We understand that a lot  
14 of the crimes start with a stolen vehicle, expands into  
15 violent crimes, for the BMVs and thefts of catalytic  
16 convertors.

17 I tell you this because I didn't have numbers  
18 to show for catalytic convertors when I submitted my  
19 grant. It was a zero, but shortly after, we did have one  
20 that was stolen off of a vehicle in one of our local truck  
21 stops, and we also had a skid-steer valued at  
22 approximately \$50,000 stolen from a construction site.

23 We know that it reaches our city. We have an  
24 officer who is very diligent. He's constantly training on  
25 motor vehicle theft, and he has recovered five stolen

1 vehicles in the last six months, and they were all either  
2 cloned or re-VIN vehicles. Most were stolen outside of  
3 our city.

4 What we're asking for is \$65,625 from MVCPA,  
5 with a cash match of 13,125, for a total of 78,750 for 21  
6 Flock units. I have on my submission, 19. It's actually  
7 19 locations, 19 poles. Two of those poles are going in  
8 our city parks, and on those two poles, there's going to  
9 have an LPR and also a 360-degree Live View camera.

10 That was my mistake. We're looking for this  
11 because of the technology. We're trying to stay ahead of  
12 the criminals who use technology and be proactive for our  
13 community. We are hoping it will increase the community  
14 safety, arrest rates, case closures.

15 We're also very active on social media, and  
16 have participated in what we call the Hewitt Hustle, that  
17 we post at night, in the evening, encouraging residents to  
18 go out and make sure their vehicles are locked, their  
19 valuables are removed, especially firearms, and also give  
20 messages on lighting and tips to try to avoid catalytic  
21 convertor thefts in their driveways. In the future, we  
22 hope to reach out to the Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task  
23 Force to be able to offer some VIN etching in our area.

24 And I thank you for this opportunity.

25 MS. JONES: No questions, sir. Thank you.

1 CHIEF CHAVEZ: Thank you.

2 MS. JONES: Hidalgo? City of Holland, Hondo.

3 SGT CASAREZ: Good morning. Sergeant Daniel  
4 Casarez with the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office.

5 First of all, Hidalgo County is comprised of 22  
6 cities, about 918,000. It borders five international  
7 bridges, port of entries.

8 Today, we are seeking funding in the amount of  
9 \$346,520, with a cash match of \$69,306, total of \$415,834.

10 This would support our two continuing positions of  
11 investigator and an analyst that would assist in combating  
12 catalytic convertor thefts and auto crimes. In turn, the  
13 analyst would assist the entire division with auto crimes,  
14 plus our Taskforce has been a great asset.

15 Our current investigator has overseen 100 cases  
16 already in this year to date. We're currently about at  
17 300 cases already right now. So funding these two  
18 positions is critical for our operations.

19 And plus, with this funding, we would also send  
20 these two positions, investigator and the analyst, to  
21 training. We want to use some of that funding for  
22 training, to enhance their ability to prevent catalytic  
23 convertor crimes and auto crimes. And in turn, with  
24 that -- with them obtaining that training, we would be  
25 able to share that knowledge amongst our other divisions

1 to prevent these crimes there in Hidalgo County.

2 Currently, we only have two catalytic convertor  
3 thefts, year-to-date, versus four that we had last year.  
4 So they're low, but we still continue to fight these --  
5 combat these auto theft crimes.

6 And with that said, our investigator and  
7 analyst, they participate in all of our events. We go out  
8 there to the public safety expos and educate the citizens  
9 out there, let them know how to protect their assets,  
10 their cars, and their families from them becoming victims.

11 And these events, we've already provided over  
12 120 steering wheel locks. We've two VIN etching events  
13 where we've etched over 50 -- or 50 vehicles. We've  
14 etched 50 vehicles.

15 And it's been a success. A lot of people are  
16 interested in that, and it's something new to the county  
17 down there.

18 Also, with the funding, we will be -- a  
19 continuation with the Flock system. We have over 60  
20 cameras that we're placing in the county, and it's  
21 something that we noticed that it's going to be a great  
22 asset. Because now we only have three running, and we  
23 noticed it's a very impressive system that's going to help  
24 us with our investigations.

25 MS. JONES: Thank you, Sergeant.

1 Any questions?

2 (No response.)

3 MS. JONES: No questions. Thank you.

4 SGT CASAREZ: Thank you.

5 MR. CLAYTON: Good morning. I'm Detective  
6 Clayton with the Holland Police Department, and we're here  
7 about the SB224 bill.

8 Though I would like to express to you all the  
9 day-to-day operation that the MVCPA grant has helped our  
10 community, we will be discussing the impact the fund has  
11 had on our community in just the first quarter of the  
12 grant being awarded. We will be requesting additional  
13 funding for LPRs and two fully equipped patrol vehicles.

14 Narcotics, in addition, led to a high impact  
15 arrest and seizure of money and narcotics, along with  
16 weapons, stolen vehicle recovery. Alert from ALPR  
17 identified a stolen vehicle where officers were able to  
18 conduct a traffic stop and return the vehicle to its  
19 rightful owner. Stolen motorcycle was recovered night of,  
20 in less than four hours, leading suspect captured.

21 LPRs tracked a suspect attempting to evade law  
22 enforcement. Not listed is the portable cameras that we  
23 placed strategically in potentially problematic areas,  
24 i.e., our Corn Fest festival, National Night Out, and  
25 city-wide events.

1           As far as social media, the Chief has -- the  
2 Chief handles any pertinent information that's released to  
3 the public, as well as we participate in our neighborhood  
4 radio station. And we have a salvage yard to the south of  
5 us and a scrapyard just to the north. So the LPRs have  
6 helped out tremendously. The Chief has also implemented  
7 Story Time with a Cop, as long as -- Coffee with a Cop.

8           Continuing funding is a necessity, helps us  
9 identify suspects faster and enable proactive police  
10 instead of reactive response. Every success story stems  
11 from this technology. You all's investment has translated  
12 into lives protected and crimes prevented.

13           Residents have told us how they feel more  
14 secure, knowing that they -- knowing that these systems  
15 are helping us quickly identify stolen vehicles, recover  
16 property, and deter criminal activity. The LPRs have not  
17 only been a powerful investigative tool for us, they've  
18 given citizens peace of mind, knowing their safety is a  
19 priority. This kind of trust and appreciation from the  
20 public is a direct result of your investment in our  
21 department, and we thank you for helping us build that  
22 bridge between law enforcement and community we serve.

23           Request for funding, two equipped patrol  
24 vehicles in the amount -- for 210,635. These vehicles  
25 would include on-board computer that would allow us to

1 access critical database and LPR system on the go, radio  
2 system for fast and reliable communication between  
3 officers and our agencies, and camera systems that  
4 document interactions to protect our officers and help  
5 ensure transparency and accountability. Continued funding  
6 on LPRs in the amount 31,550 to continue to combat  
7 catalytic convertor theft, vehicle theft, and all the  
8 other crimes.

9 Total funding requested, 243,185. Final  
10 message, we are not just solving crimes; we are preventing  
11 them. Every arrest we make today prevents a future victim  
12 tomorrow. Your support saves lives, strengthens  
13 communities, and makes our streets safer.

14 Thank you for your past and future support.  
15 Any questions?

16 MS. JONES: Stand by, sir.

17 MR. SLOAN: Just -- can you tell me what  
18 vehicles you plan on buying, just looking at the cost  
19 here --

20 VOICE FROM AUDIENCE: [Inaudible].

21 MR. SLOAN: Yeah. \$87,000. Okay. Okay. So  
22 do me a favor. When you redo your -- well, not redo your  
23 application, but send us something into Earl with an  
24 itemized breakdown of the computers that you plan on  
25 putting in there and the additional infrastructure so that

1 we can have an itemized line item of what all's going into  
2 those vehicles. Yes. Thanks.

3 MS. JONES: Thank you, Chief.

4 VOICE: Any other questions, concerns,  
5 problems?

6 MS. JONES: No, that was it. Thank you, sir.

7 MR. CLAYTON: Thank you so much for your time.

8 MS. JONES: Detective, thank you.

9 MR. CLAYTON: Thank you.

10 MS. JONES: After the City of Hondo, Hood  
11 County, then City of Austin. Good morning, sir.

12 MR. MURPHY: Good morning. My name is Ryan  
13 Murphy. I'm a detective with the Hondo Police Department.

14 Our grant administrator couldn't be here  
15 today, so sends her best. I'd first like to thank the  
16 Board. We did receive funding in the second portion of  
17 it, so we've been able to implement two cameras so far.  
18 The other is waiting just on a couple more pieces.

19 So with that, Hondo employs roughly 25 officers  
20 who protect our 9,000 residents, 10 square miles of  
21 jurisdiction, with our main road being Highway 90 that  
22 runs right through. On a given day, we can have roughly  
23 20,000 cars that come through Highway 90. We have a  
24 Walmart right off of there, lots of shopping centers, and  
25 we also have auto shops on there. So Highway 90 stays



1 pretty busy on there.

2 So with that, we are actually happy to report  
3 that our thefts are down for the year, with only two  
4 reported this year for vehicle thefts, down from five last  
5 year. I will note that one of the thefts last year was  
6 actually a public works vehicle, so even we are not immune  
7 to vehicle thefts.

8 So with that, the City of Hondo is seeking  
9 \$43,438, and that will be to purchase five ELSAG cameras.

10 We purchased -- plan to purchase those cameras outright  
11 so there would be no perpetuity with it. We would also  
12 ask for \$832 so we can purchase a custom canopy so we can  
13 do community outreach events, and with that, I also seek  
14 permission to use your logo on there so people know who  
15 helped funded all this, bringing our total ask to \$44,320,  
16 with the city match at \$8,886.

17 And so as I said, with that canopy we hope to  
18 do more training with that and just educating the public.

19 Right now, we do a lot of outreach events for the city.  
20 We have a lot of events that go on.

21 We currently have 80 steering wheel cover locks  
22 that we just got in. We also have pamphlets to give out  
23 to the public. So the cover just helps it so we can get  
24 out there with the public when it's hot because they don't  
25 want to come out when it's hot.

1           But that's what we're hoping to get here today  
2           for you guys. And I will be happy to answer any questions  
3           you have.

4           MS. JONES: Are you about to ask for a fan?

5           MR. MURPHY: I am not. I was actually -- so I  
6           saw the fan. I was, like, okay. A fan's a little bit  
7           better than the canopy, but -- having done any research on  
8           there, so we'll stick with the canopy and we'll just use  
9           some box fans.

10          MS. JONES: Until next time. Right?

11          MR. MURPHY: Yes. I'll have to look into that  
12          for the next one, though.

13          MS. JONES: Nothing from us, sir. Thank you.

14          MR. MURPHY: All right. Thank you very much.

15          MS. JONES: You're welcome.

16          MR. MURPHY: You guys have a nice day.

17          MS. JONES: Hood County, you're up. City of  
18          Austin, and San Jacinto City afterwards.

19          Good morning, sir.

20          MR. MAGUIRE: Good morning. So I'm Shawn  
21          Maguire. I'm the Hood County Sheriff's Office Emergency  
22          Communications Director, and I have Patrick Pittman. He's  
23          our grant writer. There it goes.

24          So Hood County has a population of 68,000  
25          people. We cover 425 square miles. We have 62 sworn

1       deputies. We run eight per shift.

2               We have 2,000 new homes going in, and we just  
3       got told we're getting an Academy Sports, a Rosa's, a  
4       Texas Roadhouse, and 53 acres of more houses going in. So  
5       lucky us. In '21 -- that was fast. I'm good.

6               From '21 to '24, we had 68 cases of precious  
7       metal thefts, catalytic convertor thefts. Our numbers  
8       have gone down because those four individuals are now in  
9       prison now.

10              So currently -- let me go to the next slide  
11       maybe. You know what? Whatever.

12              We have two active LPRs that Hood County has  
13       bought. We have one active LPR that was bought with the  
14       grant from last time. We have 23 LPRs. That would be  
15       caught up in the TxDOT backlog, that I just got told that  
16       they're supposed to be approved this month.

17              We work with the City of Granbury. They have  
18       26 active LPRs, and the vision is we have the outer ring;  
19       they have the inner ring. So ours pop off, so we can get  
20       in place with -- for whatever's coming into town.

21              What we're asking for is just a continuation to  
22       fund the LPRs that we have, because we don't know what's  
23       coming into town yet, because they're not in place. So  
24       it's a total of \$72,000. It's 60,000 for the grant and  
25       with our contributing 20 percent match of 12,000.

1 MS. JONES: No questions, sir. Thank you.

2 MR. MAGUIRE: Thank you.

3 MS. JONES: City of Houston. I kept saying  
4 Austin, but you knew what I meant.

5 Right, Tolan? What? My apologies.

6 LT HARDING: Okay. Good morning. My name is  
7 Tolan Harding. I'm a Lieutenant with the Houston Police  
8 Department, currently assigned to the Auto Theft Division  
9 and the Task Force Commander for the Houston Auto Crimes  
10 Task Force, as well as the Houston Catalytic Convertor  
11 Crimes Task Force. This is our third year seeking funding  
12 from the MVCPA Board.

13 The Houston Catalytic Convertor Crimes Task  
14 Force consists of a combination of the Auto Theft Division  
15 and the Metal Theft Unit of the Property and Financial  
16 Crimes. It also involves our patrol units and our drone  
17 operations. Our biggest problem is there are about 4.8  
18 million vehicles in our area of operation, which equates  
19 to over 7.2 million potential theft targets of catalytic  
20 convertors.

21 While our catalytic convertor thefts have gone  
22 down significantly since 2022, from 9,000 to approximately  
23 210 in the current year through April, we do realize that  
24 we have an large auto theft problem, where entire vehicles  
25 are taken, and when we recover them, the catalytic

1       convertors are not on there.

2               And as you can see from this slide, we had  
3       about 16,000 vehicles stolen last year, which equates to  
4       more than 24,000 catalytic convertors. Not all of those  
5       catalytic convertors were recovered.

6               Why are we asking for money? Well, as I  
7       addressed earlier, we have about 7.2 million targets in  
8       our area of operation. We also have 88 metal recycling  
9       facilities, which makes it very easy for crooks to get the  
10      catalytic convertors into the recycling stream illegally.

11              Your funding allows us to collaborate with  
12      other taskforces and our local partners, including Harris  
13      County who has been a greater supporter for us. It also  
14      allows us to attend specialized training, buy specialized  
15      equipment, and purchase technology as well.

16              What are we asking for? We're asking for  
17      \$960,000. Our Department will match that at a  
18      22.8 percent rate, or \$219,000.

19              Our biggest expense is the license plate reader  
20      technology, which is approximately 550,000. The second  
21      largest item is overtime. We're asking for about 3,000  
22      hours of overtime, which would be the equivalent of 1.5  
23      full-time personnel.

24              We also are going to be funding leased  
25      vehicles, travel, training, and also our public outreach

1 and crime prevention efforts with Sergeant Tracy Hicks.  
2 It also allows us to buy investigative equipment, etching  
3 devices, and also surveillance equipment.

4 Here's an example of our community outreach,  
5 where we -- Sergeant Hicks goes to many events and talks  
6 about crime prevention, including things like catalytic  
7 convertor shields, kill switches and alarms. We do  
8 actively post on social media, and of course, forward  
9 information directly to Amber Ott so she can post it on  
10 the MVCPA social media.

11 Do you have any questions?

12 (No response.)

13 LT HARDING: Thank you very much. Good  
14 morning.

15 MR. LONGRIGG: Good morning. Got to make sure  
16 everybody's awake. My name is Mark Longrigg. I work for  
17 the Jacinto City Police Department, not San Jacinto, but  
18 that's okay. As somebody over in San Jacinto County is  
19 probably getting a lot of our phone calls, so I understand  
20 how that goes.

21 And if you're wondering where Jacinto City is,  
22 I don't blame you, because before I got a job there  
23 18 years ago, I had no idea where we were either. So  
24 Jacinto City on the map here is just the east side of  
25 Houston. We have a population of 10,000 people in a

1 1.9 square mile place. It's a lot of people.

2 As you can see from the map, that our northern  
3 border is I-10. Literally, if you walk out of the police  
4 department and look to the right, you'll see Downtown  
5 Houston.

6 Houston is a big problem. I didn't mean to say  
7 that, but they're a lot of help as well. So we appreciate  
8 all their help. I appreciate the help of our big brothers  
9 and sisters. So thank you, sir.

10 But we're surrounded by Houston on three sides.

11 And on the northern side, on the other side of I-10, we  
12 have a lot of no-tell motels that cause a lot of problems  
13 in our town too. So you can see that we constantly fight  
14 to keep Houston's issues out of our small town.

15 You know, most of the residents that live in  
16 Jacinto City are blue-collar workers, hard-working people,  
17 great people, and our agency is, right now, about 15  
18 people, including the Chief. Should be about 19. So you  
19 can see, we always have manpower issues like everybody  
20 else and budgeting issues as well.

21 Last year, MVCPA blessed us with the  
22 opportunity to add seven additional Flock cameras to our  
23 system. Highlighted there is going to be our main issue  
24 right there, the 11400 block parking lot. This is a big  
25 parking lot that, as you can see, is accessible to I-10

1 and Market, easy in, easy out.

2           Everybody can break into a car, steal your  
3 catalytic convertors and get in and out, a lot of  
4 burglaries, real quickly. So that's where a lot of those  
5 new cameras are going that we asked for last year,  
6 including the live cameras that will be able to assist us  
7 to figure out what's going on in real time. And that's  
8 going to help us a lot.

9           Our budget right now cannot sustain these  
10 additional cameras that you blessed us with last year, and  
11 so we're asking the MVCPA to help us fund this again. The  
12 funding would be \$29,250. That's \$24,375 for MVCPA, with  
13 a matching grant of 48,075 for us.

14           As far as catalytic convertors go, we had a  
15 downturn until this year. We had an uptick. We had none  
16 last year. This year, we actually had two stolen  
17 catalytic convertors since -- as of, like, May of this  
18 year, but we also have had 19 stolen vehicles.

19           And again, this is a picture of our troubled  
20 parking lot from both sides too. So most of those stolen  
21 vehicles have happened here, so we're hoping, with your  
22 helping us in the future, continued help, should I say,  
23 that we will be able to implement these cameras and go  
24 from there.

25           So thank you very much. Appreciate it.



1 CHIEF PEARL: Good morning. My name is Jack  
2 Pearl. I am, more immediately for this, the Chief of  
3 Police for Jefferson ISD Police Department, department of  
4 one. I'm also the director of safety at the school.

5 And we are looking for basically just a way to  
6 improve our network within our county. We are a  
7 population at the school of about 1,400, with students and  
8 staff. Our city is about 2,000, and our county is about  
9 8,900. We are on Highway 59, one of the lesser known  
10 routes, but still highly traveled between Houston and  
11 Chicago.

12 With all of the -- or the interstate travel  
13 that goes up and down 59, we have people coming in and out  
14 of town out all the time. Jefferson thrives on tourism,  
15 and so we are often seeing out-of-towners come in,  
16 vehicles unattended. And the school district has been  
17 rather at the front of all the technology and the forward-  
18 thinking and the future of law enforcement in our county.

19 And so what we're asking for is five ALPRs  
20 throughout the -- our school district. It kind of  
21 surrounds it and builds a net. We're looking for a pan-  
22 tilt-zoom, as well as an intersection camera, and that's  
23 going to catch a lot of traffic coming in and out of our  
24 stadium, in and out of our school district, and around the  
25 surrounding area.

1 I know we're -- especially with the TxDOT and  
2 DPS and the work y'all are doing there, we're looking at  
3 potentially changing our map a little bit to improve our  
4 eyes on Highway 59. 59 kind of cuts through the middle of  
5 our school district. This will allow us to coordinate  
6 more with Texas DPS. We work great with our troopers, our  
7 local PD, and our Sheriff's Office.

8 Being a small town, y'all are familiar.  
9 Everybody has to work together and we rely on each other  
10 immensely.

11 Jefferson ISD hosts our National Night Out, as  
12 long -- as well as many other community outreach events.  
13 We have a great stadium. That's kind of the biggest  
14 outdoor area for our community to gather. And as in most  
15 small towns, the school's Facebook page is probably the  
16 leading source of information for most people around.

17 So we are trying to increase our touchpoints  
18 with our parents and our community, as well as just  
19 educate and offer new and innovative ways for our 1800s-  
20 feeling town to kind of safe and keep moving into the  
21 future.

22 Our total ask is going to be just over 20,000,  
23 with our school being able to meet the cash match on that.

24 MS. JONES: Chief, we usually have the city PDs  
25 and the sheriffs, so I commend you, as an ISD, for being

1       there. Hopefully, more to follow. You'll set the  
2       example.

3               The camera placement -- you mentioned Highway  
4       59. You're asking for seven cameras for the ISD. Where  
5       are the cameras going to be placed?

6               CHIEF PEARL: So 59, we have two school zones  
7       on Highway 59. I would like to have one on the north  
8       side, and kind of the south side of that. And then we'll  
9       also strategically place them at key intersections between  
10      the downtown and the football stadium.

11              Our Flock representative has been great, kind  
12      of looking at the map and saying, hey, this is what's  
13      worked for us, and based on your need and what the  
14      community should be looking for, these are going to be  
15      kind of your best placements.

16              MS. JONES: So the placement will not just  
17      benefit the ISD, but the entire city --

18              CHIEF PEARL: Absolutely. Yes, ma'am.

19              MS. JONES: -- in combating catalytic convertor  
20      thefts?

21              CHIEF PEARL: Yes, ma'am.

22              MS. JONES: Thank you for answering that, sir.

23              CHIEF PEARL: Yes, ma'am.

24              MS. JONES: That's it. Thank you.

25              CHIEF PEARL: All right. Thank you.

1 MS. JONES: Good morning, sir.

2 DEP MASSEY: Good morning. I'm Curran Massey.  
3 I'm a deputy with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office.  
4 I'm assigned to the Stop the Offender Program Special  
5 Crimes Unit.

6 Over the last two iterations of the MVCPA  
7 grant, FY '24, second solicitation in FY '25 -- first  
8 solicitation, we implemented 40 Flock license plate  
9 cameras and 10 pan-tilt-zoom cameras in '24. We are -- we  
10 have expanded that in FY '25 to 18 additional Flock  
11 cameras and 12 additional PTZ cameras.

12 We have the same things that everybody else  
13 does, all these other presentations that you're hearing  
14 and going to hear. We have traffic. We have people. We  
15 have crime.

16 We have catalytic convertors stolen. I worked  
17 a case a couple of years ago, identified one person that  
18 stole 320 catalytic convertors. We put him in prison for  
19 building pipe bombs. So this is a dangerous trend, for  
20 sure.

21 I took it upon myself to build my own Flock  
22 cameras. I don't recommend that. The Flock product is  
23 better than the build-yourself stuff. If you're very  
24 technically abled, then you can do it, but there's a  
25 little bit of daily maintenance that has to be done with

1 those.

2 They do hide pretty well, though. We haven't  
3 gotten any complaints about the ones that are way up in  
4 the electric poles. The Flock system has been a  
5 tremendous asset for Johnson County.

6 We've recovered -- in this slide, it says 10  
7 stolen vehicles. We're up to 16 that I can directly  
8 associate with the Flock cameras. We've made numerous  
9 arrests.

10 One thing I want to point out has not to do  
11 with catalytic convertors, but we have made four murder  
12 arrests just from the Flock cameras, identified suspect  
13 vehicles that were in the area and we were able to track  
14 them down and do the arrests. It's a multifaceted  
15 approach and it's good for the entire county and  
16 surrounding agencies. I do want to point out that we're  
17 very proactive in sharing and distributing information and  
18 giving access. Not all the agencies in Johnson County are  
19 able to afford Flock cameras, but through y'all's grant,  
20 we've been able to deploy them throughout the cities, the  
21 small cities, and the neighboring areas.

22 This year, we're requesting another \$250,000  
23 for FY '26. This will renew our perpetual licenses for  
24 the Flock software, the license plate cameras, the ones  
25 that I built myself, the PTZ cameras. And then we also

1 plan to expand to use the Nova software platform, which is  
2 an analytics-based AI platform from Flock.

3 Thank y'all very much.

4 MS. JONES: No questions, Deputy. Thank you.

5 DEP MASSEY: Thank you.

6 MS. JONES: We have Kemah, Kendall County,  
7 Kleberg County Attorney's Office.

8 LT RUIZ: Hi. Good morning. My name is  
9 Lieutenant Ruiz. I'm from the Kemah Police Department.

10 And this is for the current grant -- there it  
11 is. All right. Just to give a brief little review --  
12 Kemah, requesting assistance with the catalytic convertor  
13 grant.

14 Kemah, we're a small city, but we have a high  
15 volume of visitors. We have theft incidents. We have  
16 soared to 157 percent in the last 12 months. Today, I'll  
17 explain that problem, how the resources that we can  
18 request from you all can assist us with this.

19 Even though our current population is a little  
20 over 2,000, waterfront attractions draw millions every  
21 year. The existing influx strains patrol capacities, as  
22 well as attracts organized theft crews. We also border  
23 two cities, Baycliff and San Leon, which are high-crime  
24 areas without police departments. They actually service  
25 by -- they're in the unincorporated portion of Galveston

1 County.

2 Okay. So our officers frequently backup to  
3 those communities. From 2022 to 2024, we handled over  
4 43,000 calls for service and 4,500 unauthorized use of  
5 motor vehicle cases.

6 Okay. The takeaway, our small force is  
7 protecting a city that functions like a major tourist hub.

8 Okay. The funds will let us move from active to  
9 proactive policing.

10 We'll deploy seven fixed ALPR cameras, two  
11 PTZs, and a mobile surveillance on Highway 146, ingress  
12 and egress points, also possibly host a VIN etching event.

13 I will tell you one thing about our Department.

14 Our Department is very big on social media. We do  
15 interact and we have good partnerships with our  
16 neighboring cities. Currently, what we would like to do is  
17 get more ingrained and involved into the Flock system.  
18 That way, we can better offset our other agencies that are  
19 surrounding us and assisting us.

20 VOICE: Good morning. Lieutenant Ruiz  
21 mentioned about the amount of visitors. We do have over 4  
22 million visitors that come through the Kemah city limits.  
23 We are the gateway between Galveston and Harris County.

24 I heard the jokes earlier about Harris County.  
25 We do enjoy being that gateway, but that does come with

1 quite a bit of opportunity or challenges, if you will. We  
2 do have four state roads that intersect right through the  
3 city of Kemah. So although we're small, we do get a very  
4 high vehicle count, not just visitors, but also just on  
5 daily transit.

6 We look forward to the opportunity to partner  
7 with you guys. This is our first time here applying for  
8 funding, but we probably should have been here a long time  
9 ago. The need's been there.

10 Thank you in advance for your consideration.

11 MS. JONES: No questions, gentlemen. Thank you  
12 both.

13 LT RUIZ: Thank you.

14 LT KLAERNER: Action? Good morning, members of  
15 the Board. I want to thank you for the opportunity to  
16 present with y'all today. I know it's been a long week.  
17 I've been here since last Friday, starting with the  
18 Sheriff's Conference, and then transitioned over here.

19 Again, my name is Lieutenant Kevin Klaerner  
20 with the Kendall County Sheriff's Office.

21 A little bit about Kendall County. It's in the  
22 heart of the Hill Country, neighboring right next to Kerr  
23 County. As y'all are aware, the catastrophe with the  
24 flooding, we're still dealing with that, if you ask  
25 your -- you continue to keep families in y'all's prayers.



1 Kendall County covers 636 square miles, with  
2 the Kendall County Sheriff's Office serving as the primary  
3 law enforcement agency for the county. We operate with  
4 114 employees, including 58 commissioned peace officers,  
5 to serve a very rapid-growing community -- and diverse  
6 community.

7 Excuse me. Over the last year, we've seen a  
8 very notable rise of motor vehicle related crimes. In  
9 2023, 2024, our office responded to 16 catalytic convertor  
10 thefts and 35 motor vehicle thefts, with our -- with  
11 Boerne PD, within our jurisdiction, reporting an  
12 additional 71 motor vehicle thefts in that same time  
13 period.

14 This grant would allow us to deploy 57 Flock  
15 license plate readers, cameras, a critical tool in  
16 expanding proactive enforcement, identifying offenders,  
17 and recovering stolen property. More importantly, it  
18 would strengthen our regional collaboration with our  
19 agencies already utilizing Flock, to include Boerne PD,  
20 Fair Oaks Police Department, Bexar County Sheriff's  
21 Office, and San Antonio Police Department.

22 Ultimately, this is not just a public safety  
23 need -- or excuse me -- a want. It's a public safety need  
24 that will bring increased awareness, faster response  
25 times, and better coordination across agency lines to

1 prevent and reduce vehicle crime in our region.

2 I will add, this is our first time applying  
3 with y'all. As several other agencies have said, probably  
4 should have applied a long time ago.

5 We're very active in our community. We pride  
6 ourselves on the relationships we have within our  
7 community, crime prevention, Coffee with a Cop, you name  
8 it.

9 So I'll close with that, and open for  
10 questions. Thank you.

11 MR. LORBERAU: The green button? Is it  
12 working?

13 Good morning, Board, Committee members,  
14 everyone. My name is Danny Lorberau, and I'm the  
15 Commander of the Kleberg County Attorney's Specialized  
16 Crimes and Narcotics Task Force. We're -- I want to thank  
17 you for allowing me to be here and give the presentation.

18 This is the first time we've been here applying.

19 You probably ask, who are we? Who is the  
20 Taskforce? We're not a police department. We're not a  
21 sheriff's office.

22 We are part of the county, but we're one of the  
23 last self-funded agencies out there. We pretty much get  
24 paid by the cartel, I guess, because we stop people  
25 hauling dope and money. And the money that we seize we

1 use to run our operation. We do get a few funds from  
2 grants, and that's why we're here.

3 The taskforce is composed of a small group of  
4 highly trained and experienced criminal interdictors. We  
5 have office support, technical and analytical staff. The  
6 agency is composed of a -- of the commander, which is me.

7 We have an assistant commander, three agents, one  
8 investigator, office manager, and one technical support  
9 from Border Patrol.

10 The taskforce is stationed out of Kingsville,  
11 but it doesn't just end there. We've gotten a lot of  
12 memorandum of understandings, through a lot of sheriff's  
13 offices and police departments. We currently work with  
14 Bee County Sheriff's Office, Brooks, Goliad, Jim Hogg, Jim  
15 Wells, Live Oak, San Patricio, Wharton, Kingsville Police  
16 Department, and Combes Police Department.

17 We also work a lot with HSI, DEA, ATF, FBI,  
18 DPS, and Border Patrol. We're also a member of Operation  
19 Lone Star and work with all those guys. Like I say, we  
20 are self-funded, so every dollar counts with us.

21 We have an active Facebook account. We like to  
22 show all of our successes. Kingsville Station, just south  
23 of Corpus Christi -- so our main road we work is 77, US  
24 77. We also have MOUs west of us, and we do work US 281,  
25 but 77 is our main road, and it's a main corridor from

1 Houston to the Rio Grande Valley.

2 There's a lot of vehicles and people go through  
3 there, and a lot of criminal activity that we are  
4 probably -- what we're asking for is two Flock cameras  
5 system. All of our neighbors have that. We're not able  
6 to communicate with them, because we don't have them. I  
7 believe if we did, we could really make an impact on  
8 stolen vehicles and catalytic convertor thefts, because  
9 the Flock cameras -- let's face it -- there's a lot of  
10 them in town, and I believe we could make a big  
11 difference.

12 The amount that we're seeking -- the cameras  
13 are going to cost \$27,500. I think the grant paid 22,000.  
14 We'd pay 5,500 of that.

15 Thank you. Sorry I went over. Thank you.

16 CHIEF HERNANDEZ: Good morning. My name is  
17 Pedro Hernandez. I serve as the Assistant Chief of Police  
18 for the City of Kyle. With me today, my backup, is  
19 Shannon McConville. She's one of our management  
20 assistants who writes grants for us.

21 A little bit about the city of Kyle. We're  
22 located on Interstate 35. We service a population of  
23 about 70,000. We have about 141 total employees, 82 of  
24 those being sworn. We have about 32 square miles of our  
25 city that we cover.

1                   Year 2 of the Kyle Police Department's  
2 catalytic convertor theft initiative coincides on the  
3 completion of our two-year contract with the Flock cameras  
4 and introduces drone technology to enhance surveillance  
5 and rapid response capabilities by focusing on effective  
6 surveillance and technological advancements. We are  
7 dedicated to significantly reducing catalytic convertor  
8 theft and increasing community safety.

9                   Overall project cost is \$246,000. \$96,00 is  
10 going to continue to support the agreement that we have  
11 for our existing cameras, which is about 35 of them, 12 of  
12 them being Live View cameras. And the additional \$150,000  
13 that we're asking for is for the purchase of a Flock drone  
14 to serve as a DFR. And our city's cash match would be the  
15 \$41,000.

16                  Okay. Y'all have said it a dozen times, and I  
17 still got on. Our objective 1, first objective, complete  
18 the contract implementation, finalize integration and  
19 operational effectiveness of Flock cameras and  
20 surveillance efforts against catalytic convertor theft.

21                  Objective 2 is the data collection and  
22 analysis, enhance data tracking to better understand  
23 trends and improve law enforcement response to theft  
24 incidents. Objective 3 is to enhance surveillance  
25 capabilities by integrating the drone technology, and

1 expand aerial surveillance and rapid response  
2 capabilities.

3 Our strategies. Flock cameras utilization. We  
4 want to ensure that Flock cameras are fully operational  
5 and strategically positioned in high theft areas. We want  
6 to train our officers using footage effectively for  
7 investigations and patrol strategies.

8 Data collection. Implement a comprehensive  
9 reporting system to track theft incidents utilizing data  
10 from Flock cameras to identify patterns and hotspots.

11 Our agency is fortunate. We employ two crime  
12 analysts and a strategic analyst. We're constantly  
13 reviewing our data and pushing it back out to patrol and  
14 to CID.

15 Deployment of drones. Acquire drones that are  
16 valued at \$150,000 for one drone to augment surveillance,  
17 provide aerial perspectives during investigations, and  
18 enable rapid response to theft incidents. Our Department  
19 is also very fortunate that we were able to create and  
20 staff a real-time crime center. So we have two real-time  
21 crime center analysts that just went to the drone pilot  
22 training as well.

23 Three minutes went by real quick. And that's  
24 our projected timeline. Thank you very much.

25 MR. PENCE: Good morning. Once again, members

1 of the Board, I'll be presenting for the Lakeview Police  
2 Department. Lakeview Police Department is requesting  
3 \$46,583 in total funding for some Falcon cameras and some  
4 Condors.

5 I'm going to read from the application there  
6 from the Lakeview Police Department. Serves approximately  
7 10,000 residents in Harris County. They're dedicated to  
8 proactive law enforcement, regional cooperation, and using  
9 technology to respond, to prevent criminal activity.

10 The grant application asks for funding to  
11 install automated license plate readers. With this  
12 technology, they expect to deter and detect catalytic  
13 convertor thefts. The Lakeview Police Department will  
14 maintain direct operational control and governance over  
15 the ALPR systems, by this grant.

16 With this technology, they expect to supplement  
17 the efforts of the regional taskforce dedicated to this  
18 issue. Furthermore, the technology will support formal  
19 and informal partnerships with nearby law enforcement  
20 agencies in Harris County, Galveston County, and the  
21 surrounding region.

22 If awarded, the grant will strengthen ongoing  
23 collaboration efforts by allowing the Lakeview Police  
24 Department to contribute real-time data to the surrounding  
25 Flock Safety network.

1 MS. JONES: Thank you, sir.

2 MR. PENCE: Yes, ma'am.

3 MS. JONES: After Laredo, Lee County. Lee  
4 County? Lee County has a lot. And City of Live Oak.

5 LT RODRIGUEZ: Good morning. My name is Jaime  
6 Rodriguez, and I'm a Lieutenant with the Laredo Police  
7 Department.

8 Yesterday, we covered who we are and what areas  
9 we cover, but what we want to emphasize now is that we are  
10 the last line of defense down the IH-35 artery. With that  
11 being said, we are not asking for anything new.

12 What we are asking for is \$1,511,895. That  
13 will cover overtime, our assistant district attorney,  
14 travel, and recurring subscriptions. And how do you go  
15 back? And that's what we'll be asking for.

16 Here, we have some results from our drones and  
17 Flock working together. Specifically, on October 2024 in  
18 Zapata County, we were alerted through our intel on a --  
19 and a traffic stop led to the recovery of approximately 20  
20 catalytic convertor. That led to an arrest.

21 Additionally, Flock has led to several other  
22 arrests, as shown on this slide. And we are only at 51  
23 percent of installation. We currently share all our intel  
24 with federal, state, and local agencies, which has led to  
25 the solving of their investigations as well.



1                   We are looking forward to many more success  
2 stories in the near future. Questions?

3                   (No response.)

4                   MS. JONES: No, sir. Thank you.

5                   LT RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

6                   MS. JONES: Lee County? Live Oak, and after  
7 Live Oak is Lubbock County.

8                   CHIEF DEP McCOY: Good morning.

9                   MS. JONES: Good morning, sir.

10                  CHIEF DEP McCOY: Let me first apologize to the  
11 Board. I'm probably the most technologically  
12 disadvantaged individual in this room. The other thing  
13 is, I don't know how everybody stole my thunder and read  
14 my notes last night, but they did.

15                  My name is Vince McCoy. I'm the Chief Deputy  
16 of Lee County Sheriff's Office. We are asking for Flock  
17 from the grant for 12 LPRs.

18                  There seems to be a large void between Austin  
19 and Harris County, and for some reason, Harris County and  
20 Austin keep sending their criminals to Lee County. Our  
21 citizens think we're Mayberry. We are not, by no means.

22                  Our auto theft has gone up by 91 percent, 2023  
23 to 2024. This will assist us greatly in tracking these  
24 vehicles. We recently had four stolen at the same time,  
25 the same night.

1           Two were -- had GPS trackers. They were  
2 tracked to Harris County, Pearland. We lost sight of  
3 them, lost them in that area.

4           The other two vehicles did not have GPS  
5 trackers, so we don't know what direction they went.  
6 We're assuming they went the same direction.

7           Lee County has three major thoroughfares, US 77  
8 running from Brownsville, the Mexico border, all the way  
9 to Sioux Falls, Iowa, US 290 from New Braunfels to  
10 Louisiana border, Highway 21 -- or I'm sorry -- 290 from  
11 I-10 in Junction to 610 in Houston, and then Highway 21  
12 from New Braunfels to Louisiana border.

13           We're asking for 12 Flock cameras. We also are  
14 asking for a trailer, crime scene trailer, that's portable  
15 for investigation purposes. We recently recovered  
16 numerous stolen catalytic convertors in a U-Haul truck,  
17 with three males driving in, between Austin and Houston.

18           That would assist us greatly in processing  
19 crime scenes effectively and in a timely manner. Any  
20 questions?

21           (No response.)

22           MS. JONES: No, sir.

23           CHIEF DEP McCOY: Thank you.

24           MS. JONES: Thank you.

25           CHIEF FRATUS: Good morning.

1 MS. JONES: Good morning.

2 CHIEF FRATUS: My name is Michael Fratus, and I  
3 have the pleasure of serving as the Chief of Police for  
4 the Live Oak Police Department.

5 Live Oak is a -- it's a smaller city on the  
6 northeast corner of San Antonio. We are within the area  
7 that some call the Texas Triangle, some call the Devil's  
8 Triangle, because of the amount of organized crime that  
9 travels between San Antonio, Dallas, and believe it or  
10 not, Houston.

11 We are right on 35, and Loop 1604 also  
12 intersects right in the center of our city. They estimate  
13 about 300,000 vehicles pass through the city daily. Our  
14 population is only around 16,000.

15 However, we have a very large retail area that  
16 invites many, many people, to include an IKEA, and they  
17 will be opening a Dick's House of Sports. I invite  
18 everyone to please come shop and spend your money in the  
19 city of Live Oak.

20 We have 35 sworn officers allocated to the  
21 city. Last year, of course, for a city our size, we did  
22 experience quite a bit of crime, 145 auto burglaries, 390  
23 thefts. A lot of that is retail, but did include some  
24 catalytic convertor thefts, 89 stolen vehicles, and 19  
25 recovered. A lot of our recoveries we're seeing did not

1 originate, but it's assisting all of our sister agencies  
2 and helping locate their stolen property.

3 We are requesting to continue the funding that  
4 you were so gracious to offer last year. Last year, we  
5 did request six cameras, and we're looking to expand to  
6 the inner part of our city with five additional cameras.  
7 With all the wonderful work that TxDOT is so conveniently  
8 doing on I-35 and 1604, a lot of people are traversing  
9 throughout the city now. So we're seeing that increase,  
10 and we're seeing a lot more hits on our LPR system because  
11 of that.

12 We did have some pretty incredible results here  
13 lately. Just in the past May, we actually recovered four  
14 stolen vehicles in a time of two weeks. Unfortunately, we  
15 did also experience a homicide, and because of the cameras  
16 that are in place, not only were we able to get all the  
17 information on the suspect vehicle, but they ditched it on  
18 one of our back roads. And because of the cameras, we  
19 were able to find the accomplice that picked them up very,  
20 very quickly, which really gave a jumpstart to our  
21 investigation.

22 We are very active on social media. For a  
23 small agency, I'm very proud that we do National Night  
24 Out. We were actually awarded number 2 in the country two  
25 years in a row for our National Night Out for small

1 cities. We have a Citizens Police Academy, and we  
2 actually have a monthly Citizens Police Academy alumni  
3 meetings, and also host many of the HOA meetings in our  
4 Police Department.

5 Any questions?

6 (No response.)

7 MS. JONES: No, sir. Thank you.

8 CHIEF FRATUS: Thank you.

9 MR. CLEMENTS: Good morning. Doug Clements of  
10 South Plains Auto Theft Task Force. I know Houston has  
11 been taking a lot of bullets. I would like to add Dallas  
12 to that list. All right.

13 Our request in this grant is for \$204,245, with  
14 matching funds of 41,150. What this grant will allow us  
15 to do -- currently in our FY '25 grant, we had 21  
16 participating agencies. This would add an additional 10  
17 participating agencies. So rather than having 31 small  
18 projects, we're trying to build a network and large  
19 collaborative efforts throughout the South Plains.

20 So we currently, we -- in this year's  
21 deployment, we're planning to deploy 95 plate readers.  
22 This would add an additional 37 plate readers, fill in  
23 some loose spots where the green stars are and some open  
24 spots. So once this deployment is complete, there will be  
25 a total of 150 plate readers spread out throughout the

1 entire South Plains.

2 We have some unique problems. And I haven't --  
3 or we're having cars stolen in the southwest counties of  
4 our district. They're being abandoned just across the  
5 state line with the catalytic convertors cut off. And  
6 that's the only reason they're being stolen.

7 We're also having some of our thieves, if you  
8 will -- we're having to monitor the recyclers over in  
9 Mexico. Our recyclers and local recyclers and the  
10 legitimate ones are not taking catalytic convertors. So  
11 they are being transported across state lines, and hence  
12 they're going.

13 Also in this, we're asking for one additional  
14 LPR trailer. That will have a -- two LPRs on it. It will  
15 have a large messaging board, and that will also support  
16 the surveillance cameras we talked about yesterday. With  
17 that message board, when we're working them around events  
18 and stuff, we can display crime prevention messaging.

19 We're very active, as we talked about  
20 yesterday, with crime prevention. In fact, we have a  
21 catalytic convertor etching scheduled tomorrow over in  
22 Levelland, and I think we have several more scheduled  
23 throughout the rest of this month.

24 Do you have any questions?

25 (No response.)

1 MS. JONES: No, sir. Thank you.

2 MR. CLEMENTS: Thank you.

3 MS. JONES: City of Mabank?

4 MR. THORNTON: I'd like to begin by saying that  
5 none of Mabank's challenges have anything to do with Bexar  
6 County, Harris County, Austin, or Houston. Those are good  
7 folks down there. I won't attempt to tell what you  
8 probably already have in the extensive information we've  
9 provided up until now, but I'll say this about Mabank.

10 Our city is in Kaufman County. It's the  
11 fastest growing county in America. These numbers have  
12 changed since we've made the application. We've more than  
13 doubled in size, from 4,000 to over 10,000 in four years.

14 And with those challenges, we have experienced  
15 a diverse and -- a very diverse population is coming to  
16 our area. Now, these create targets. We understand that.

17 And through the grant that you've awarded us  
18 before, our LPRs are already in effect. We had one when  
19 we started. We have four now, and with TxDOT releasing  
20 some permits, we look to get even better. Up to 19, I  
21 believe, is what we want.

22 Mabank is a very proactive law enforcement  
23 agency. We use social media to educate. We got ahead of  
24 the LPR questions that were very prominent in our area  
25 about the typical hot points, about privacy, and this and

1       that.

2                   And through education, we've been able to  
3       involve some people. We actually have -- one of our  
4       social media campaigns involve a former offender that  
5       tells why he targets, how he targets catalytic convertors  
6       and the like.

7                   With additional new roads and things that are  
8       going on in Mabank, we have aggressive negotiations in our  
9       budget. The growth will generate revenue, but of course,  
10      that's delayed. So we thought we would invest in  
11      officers, and we would ask you guys to help us invest in  
12      some resources.

13                   360,000 for new units. That's four units and a  
14      CID unit. And 86,000 for continued Flock funding, our  
15      match of that being \$89,300. We're prepared for it, we're  
16      ready for it, and we ask for it.

17                   Any questions I could answer?

18                   (No response.)

19                   MR. THORNTON: Thank you.

20                   MS. JONES: Thank you.

21                   City of Mansfield? Maverick County and city of  
22      Mexia.

23                   CAPT HARRELL: Good morning. My name's Jim  
24      Harrell. I'm a Captain with the Mansfield Police  
25      Department. With me today is Assistant Chief Mike



1 Midkiff.

2 We're a first grantee on SB224. The city of  
3 Mansfield is -- sits in -- city of Mansfield, 36 square  
4 miles, 111 officers, and we sit in three counties. We're  
5 positioned between Arlington, Ft. Worth, and Tarrant  
6 County.

7 Within five miles of our city, we have about  
8 15, 16 scrap salvage yards, and they are a potential  
9 problem for us all the time. A lot of cars are stolen.  
10 They're scrapped out.

11 All the catalytic convertors are taken. All  
12 the parts are taken, and then they're crushed, and that  
13 usually happens within about three hours of the time  
14 they're stolen.

15 The City itself has one PIO who works our  
16 social media angle, and we have community resource  
17 officers who are out in community engagement and training  
18 every day. We also house the Tri-County Auto Theft at our  
19 Department.

20 Our City is requesting \$469,731 in grant  
21 funding, with a cash match of 93,947, to enhance public  
22 safety operations and technology in response to rising  
23 organized criminal activity. We are -- project components  
24 are three First Responder drones, two camera trailers,  
25 video integration platform, and critical data analysis

1 technology. These will provide enhanced surveillance,  
2 rapid response capabilities, and actionable intelligence.

3 The City is in the process of a 1,000-acre  
4 entertainment district, to include a multi-sport stadium  
5 set to host part of the FIFA in 2026. This is going to  
6 draw international athletes, visitors, and medias from  
7 outside the United States.

8 We also have a strategic partnership with Ft.  
9 Worth Real Crime Center. We'll have a satellite crime  
10 center in the city of Mansfield, and this will allow us to  
11 coordinate a joint approach for not only the city of  
12 Mansfield, but the residents of Kennedale, and partially  
13 into the city of Arlington.

14 And that's about what I have. Thank you.

15 MS. JONES: You're welcome.

16 Maverick County? Good morning.

17 MR. RUIZ: Good morning. My -- excuse me --  
18 good morning.

19 My name is Isaak Ruiz. I serve as the grant  
20 administrator for Maverick County. I'm here to present  
21 the fiscal year '26 grant application for Maverick County  
22 Sheriff's Office Auto Crimes Division, under Senate Bill  
23 224.

24 Maverick County spans over 1,200 square miles  
25 and shares more than 80 miles of international border with

1 Mexico. These conditions make our region a known corridor  
2 for organized vehicle theft, parts trafficking, and  
3 smuggling. Maverick County Sheriff's Office Auto Crimes  
4 Division continues to focus its enforcement efforts in  
5 both urban and rural communities, including ranch lands,  
6 colonias, where law enforcement coverage is limited and  
7 theft is often underreported.

8 Through this application, we're seeking to  
9 continue funding for our existing SB224 Catalytic  
10 Convertor Task Force to enhance its impact also by adding  
11 two fully equipped undercover units. These vehicles will  
12 allow our investigators to operate more effectively and  
13 expand coverage across high risk areas and increase the  
14 overall performance of what has been an already proven  
15 program, a highly effective and successful program.

16 We are respectfully requesting 341,100 from the  
17 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority. The total  
18 project is 409,321, which includes the required 20 percent  
19 county match of 68,220. The funding will support  
20 continuing employment for the three dedicated Taskforce  
21 positions, their fringe benefits, and the purchase of two  
22 undercover vehicles, and travel for Taskforce personnel to  
23 attend the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority annual  
24 conference.

25 In addition to the traditional enforcement and

1 community outreach efforts, the Sheriff's Office has made  
2 growing use of social media as a tool both for public  
3 awareness and real-time support in apprehension. Through  
4 these platforms, we're able to alert the public to active  
5 threats, promote prevention tips, and often receive  
6 community input that helps identify suspects or recover  
7 stolen vehicles. This grant will allow us to continue the  
8 momentum and further expand our digital reach.

9 During FY '24 and FY '25, Maverick County  
10 reported 108 stolen vehicles. While no standalone  
11 catalytic convertor thefts were reported, we believe it is  
12 highly likely that many of these vehicles had their  
13 convertors removed after the theft occurred.

14 This is an ongoing trend that suggests the true  
15 scales of convertor related crimes in the larger -- that  
16 appears in official reporting. In our rural communities,  
17 losing a vehicle can mean a loss of access to work and  
18 healthcare or education. To date, the Auto Crimes  
19 Division has recovered 36 stolen vehicles, much through  
20 the targeted enforcement and interagency collaboration  
21 with DPS, US Border Patrol, Customs, and the Eagle Pass  
22 Police Department.

23 MS. JONES: No questions, sir. Thank you.

24 MR. RUIZ: Thank you.

25 CHIEF CROSSLAND: Good morning.

1 MS. JONES: Good morning, sir.

2 CHIEF CROSSLAND: I have to prepare you for the  
3 most bland PowerPoint you're going to see today. This is  
4 definitely off the cuff when I put this together.

5 My name is Heath Crossland. I'm the Chief of  
6 Police with the City of Mexia. We are located in  
7 Limestone County.

8 We're applying for the fiscal year 2026 Senate  
9 Bill 224. It's a continuation of what we just put out  
10 just recently.

11 We recently received grant funding for 14  
12 cameras. We are in the process of implementing those, as  
13 well as the city-funded series of stationary, livestreamed  
14 cameras as well. That's going to be integrated into the  
15 system.

16 Approximately 100,000 vehicles travel through  
17 Mexia on a daily basis. US 84, State Highway 171, and  
18 State Highway 14 converge in our city. Our stolen  
19 vehicles outweigh our catalytic convertor thefts, but we  
20 also have equipment thefts, such as tractors and trailers  
21 and things of that nature.

22 Emissions in our city -- or in our county --  
23 we're not an emissions county. So a lot of times, when  
24 catalytic convertors get stolen, they just don't report  
25 it. They just straight [inaudible].

1 I mentioned some of our demographics in our  
2 PowerPoint. I mentioned some of the demographics in our  
3 PowerPoint, just because we are a poor community. Our  
4 rate -- our poverty level is probably twice the national  
5 average, and that's why we're coming to you today for the  
6 request for the funding.

7 What we're requesting is to continue funding  
8 for the ALPRs. We're not going to add anything else to  
9 our system. The current request is \$35,000 from MVCPA,  
10 with a \$7,000 grant match, for a total of \$42,000 for the  
11 systems. The same concept as before.

12 We have 10,000 followers on our social media.  
13 We're pushing out social media content as fast as we can  
14 and trying to be as relevant as we possibly can. Once we  
15 get the cameras up and going, we plan on pushing forward  
16 with a campaign very similar to the hide/lock/take  
17 program. We're also going to be presenting in a fall  
18 festival and some other seasonal events that we put on  
19 throughout the year.

20 Other than that, we don't have a taskforce in  
21 our areas. We might have been part of a Central Texas or  
22 Heart of Texas Task Force at one time. We are no longer  
23 part of that.

24 And so what we're trying to do is anchor a  
25 series of LPR systems within our area. That would include

1 Fairfield as well.

2 Any questions?

3 (No response.)

4 MS. JONES: No, Chief. Thank you.

5 CHIEF CROSSLAND: Thank you for your time.

6 MS. JONES: Midlothian? Mont Belvieu and  
7 Montgomery County, in that order.

8 MR. BOLER: Good morning, esteemed members of  
9 the Committee. How are you?

10 MS. JONES: Good. How are you?

11 MR. BOLER: Doing very well. Thank you. So  
12 I'll make this brief. I won't reiterate all the things  
13 that everybody else has been saying.

14 Here's a quick snapshot of our stats. We  
15 currently have Flock implementation. What we're  
16 requesting is \$185,471 to supplement our current network,  
17 to include 15 more cameras, two PTZs, a trailer, enhanced  
18 software, and three aircraft.

19 A side note on that. Just two nights ago, we  
20 had -- in the locations that these PTZs are intended, we  
21 had a stabbing of a juvenile. They fled through one of  
22 the holes in our current network of Flock cameras, which  
23 extended the amount of time it took for us to apprehend.

24 Here is a quick snapshot of our city. We're  
25 64-1/2 square miles. Common shift is 4:00 to 7:00, which

1 means roughly 12-1/2 miles per officer. So we depend on  
2 the technologies to help us detect and react to these  
3 crimes.

4 So one thing that's unique about our city is  
5 we have an auto broker in town, which is the majority of  
6 our auto thefts. Some of the issues that they have is --  
7 due to logistical concerns, they house hundreds of  
8 vehicles. The keys stay in the vehicles. So what we have  
9 is people sneaking over the fences and stealing multiple  
10 vehicles at a time.

11 So an instance a couple years ago, several  
12 vehicles were taken at once. Obviously, we can't follow  
13 them all. So that is one thing that's unique to our city.

14 The intent is to use the drones in order to do  
15 consented aerial patrols of this area. Because we've  
16 found that, typically, they are scouting the area first on  
17 the perimeter and then coming in, stealing the high value  
18 cars, the Hellcats, the Cadillacs, and things of that  
19 nature. Not to mention, at the end of the pursuits,  
20 typically they'll ditch the vehicle and we'll end on foot.

21 So just to reiterate what we're asking for, the  
22 supplemental Flock cameras for our current implementation  
23 and the aircraft.

24 To touch on social media, we have an active  
25 social media page. We actually have a community outreach



1 unit, the cat unit. We're active in National Night Out,  
2 in which we will have presentations on these technologies  
3 and how they're used. We have transparency platforms with  
4 Flock, and with the new implementation of the aircraft,  
5 we'll have transparency there, where the community can go  
6 on and see how we're using it, not to mention an oversight  
7 board as well.

8 Any questions?

9 MS. JONES: Wow. Perfect timing. No, sir.

10 Thank you.

11 MR. BOLER: Thank you.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good morning. My name is  
13 Brandon Rodriguez. I'm a detective with the Mont Belvieu  
14 Police Department. Thank you each for your time and your  
15 dedication into making Texas safer.

16 A little bit about the city of Mont Belvieu.  
17 We're 15 square miles, located 30 miles east of Downtown  
18 Houston and 40 miles west of Beaumont. We have 12,500  
19 residents with a daytime population of 25,000. By 2025,  
20 we're expected to be at 35,000 residents.

21 The city of Mont Belvieu is largely affected by  
22 property crimes, to include theft, auto theft, juggings,  
23 burglary of motor vehicles, et cetera. The city of Mont  
24 Belvieu has seen a sharp decrease in thefts of catalytic  
25 convertors, where they were stolen specifically, from 17

1 in 2022 to zero in the last two years. However, the  
2 Department has noticed an increase in vehicle thefts, and  
3 those vehicles being parted out or taken to Mexico.

4 Mont Belvieu investigators are currently  
5 investigating an organized group that is responsible for  
6 over 48 confirmed stolen vehicles, and we've identified 24  
7 suspects. We're still working with other agencies and  
8 federal partners to identify additional suspects in that  
9 organized group.

10 In an effort to stay ahead of the criminal  
11 element, the Mont Belvieu Police Department has more than  
12 doubled in size to have over 33 sworn officers. They've  
13 dedicated four officers whose primary assignment is  
14 proactive policing. And we've implemented technology to  
15 assist officers and detectives in preventing and  
16 investigating crimes.

17 The Department has invested in 21 Flock  
18 cameras. This is a snapshot of some of the data collected  
19 by those Flock cameras from June 20, 2024 to June 20,  
20 2025. In that same taskforce, the Mont Belvieu Police  
21 Department has documented 17 auto thefts, 11 -- and has  
22 recovered 11 stolen vehicles. A majority of those  
23 vehicles were recovered with the use of the Flock Safety  
24 systems.

25 During SB -- '25, the Mont Belvieu Police

1 Department was granted an additional 14 cameras. Those  
2 cameras have not yet been installed due to the freeze from  
3 TxDOT. But we are confident those will be an asset to the  
4 Department, and will help us identify suspect vehicles, as  
5 they will cover the majority of our entrances and exits of  
6 the city.

7 If approved for the additional funds, they will  
8 be used to provide these additional equipment, as well as  
9 continue the funds from FY '25. The additional equipment  
10 will be a mobile trailer with a PTZ camera, a 360 camera,  
11 and an LPR, an outfitted van that will serve as a  
12 surveillance. It will also move our trailers and provide  
13 a means of movement for equipment for investigations, and  
14 then lastly, a drone that will assist in apprehension and  
15 suspect identification. These are the amounts listed for  
16 each one of those things.

17 And I'm happy to answer any questions or break  
18 that down a little further.

19 MS. JONES: No questions, sir. Thank you.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

21 MS. JONES: After Montgomery County, we're  
22 going to take a quick, very quick, five-minute break. So  
23 if you need to go now, you can go, so you can make it back  
24 in time, but we're going to have five minutes.

25 Good morning, sir.

1 LT SANCHEZ: Good morning. How are y'all?

2 MS. JONES: Good. How are you?

3 LT SANCHEZ: Thank you for this opportunity.

4 We are asking, in the current grant  
5 application, for a total of \$240,451. \$4,076 will be our  
6 match on that, which brings 200,375 we're asking directly  
7 from MVCPA. Our ask is basically to maintain the  
8 technology that we've been purchasing to use against  
9 catalytic convertor thieves, which we have our Berla  
10 system, which has been very beneficial to us, has helped  
11 us solve several crimes.

12 We also have moved into the Cellebrite, which  
13 allows us to download and put -- when we combine the Berla  
14 with the Cellebrite, we can take the cell phone  
15 information. We can take the geographic locations of  
16 where they've been and match them up and show that these  
17 are the people, the individuals that have been there  
18 committing these crimes and match with the reports.

19 We also use that technology -- it's been  
20 used -- we are asked constantly to assist other  
21 departments and our Sheriff's Office. We've helped solve  
22 homicides and burglaries along with that also. So it's  
23 not -- we don't just use it for us. We also use it to  
24 assist others.

25 We're also asking for -- part of that ask is to

1     increase our Flock presence in our areas. We're asking  
2     for an additional 30 Flock cameras. We've identified some  
3     blind spots in the county, and we'd like to get visibility  
4     into those spots.

5             We use our real-time crime center to -- they  
6     help us identify some of our blind spots, and we're trying  
7     to cure that problem. To date, our stats show that we are  
8     down 66 percent in our direct catalytic convertor theft,  
9     not including the ones that go with the vehicles that are  
10    stolen. But direct, standalone, catalytic convertor  
11    thefts, we're down 66 percent so far.

12            Any questions?

13            (No response.)

14            MS. JONES: No, sir. Thank you.

15            LT SANCHEZ: Thank you.

16            MS. JONES: We will recess at 8:53. Four  
17    minutes, be back.

18            (Whereupon, a short recess was taken. Audio  
19    wasn't turned back on in Teams after the break in time to  
20    catch the Morgan's Point Resort presentation.)

21            MR. RIEBSCHLAGER: -- we do have four stolen  
22    autos as of this last grant, which actually we just  
23    started in February looking at this. We were able to  
24    locate four stolen autos. We've had two agency assists  
25    for stolen catalytic convertors. And so the data has

1 started coming in really large.

2 Maybe -- there it goes. So those are the four  
3 placements within our city. We are completely landlocked.

4 We are within our -- Plano, Wiley, Richardson, Parker,  
5 all the cities do surround us, and there was a large gap,  
6 the large thoroughfares.

7 The one yellow dot, that's the lowest there.  
8 That is on Renner Road. That one, after the -- this  
9 presentation was put in, I did the same setup, as I ran  
10 from a Sunday afternoon through a Monday afternoon, just  
11 24 hours of traffic, and almost 9,600 hits in those  
12 24 hours, with a lot of alerts that came with those.

13 And we continue to see alerts nowadays. The  
14 northernmost dot there, the yellow dot, is now installed.

15 That one went in yesterday. So we're starting to receive  
16 information and data from that one also. So we are asking  
17 for just a continuation of the grant of \$18,000, with the  
18 city price -- with the city match of 3,000, with the  
19 \$15,000 from MVCPA.

20 MS. JONES: No questions. Thank you.

21 MR. RIEBSCHLAGER: Thank you.

22 MS. JONES: Mustang Ridge?

23 LT McCLENEY: Good morning.

24 MS. JONES: Good morning, ma'am.

25 LT McCLENEY: My name is Tammy Jo McCleney.

1 I'm the Lieutenant over operations. We currently have  
2 nine sworn, including two reserves, but we are rapidly  
3 growing.

4 If you are not familiar with Mustang Ridge, we  
5 are on Highway 183 right outside of Austin, so you're  
6 leaving Austin on the east side, down 183. You travel  
7 behind the airport like you're traveling to Lockhart, and  
8 you'll go right through our city. We take in four  
9 counties in Mustang Ridge, Travis, Bastrop, Hays, and  
10 Caldwell.

11 It's not moving forward. There we go -- no,  
12 that's backwards.

13 VOICE: Big green.

14 LT McCLENEY: The big green one? Okay. Sorry  
15 about that.

16 In 2020, our population was 785 people. This  
17 year, we're expected to reach 10,000. In 2026, we're  
18 expected to reach double that, at 20,000.

19 We have a vast amount of roadways in our city.  
20 We have Toll 130, Toll 45, Highway 21, and State Highway  
21 183. These highways and toll roads means lots of motor  
22 vehicles traveling through our cities daily.

23 We have noticed an uptick in gang and suspected  
24 cartel activity. And as we learned in the cartel class  
25 yesterday, or the day before yesterday, Bastrop County is

1 a hotspot for cartel activity, and we do take in Bastrop  
2 County. Just a couple of months ago, we arrested the  
3 third most wanted terrorist on the FBI's Most Wanted List  
4 in our city, coming out of one of our subdivisions. So we  
5 know that they are there.

6 In 2024, we had approximately 47 auto theft  
7 and/or auto theft recovery cases. We feel our close  
8 proximity to Austin is what leads these vehicles coming  
9 into our city. Our five patrol officers average 600 to  
10 700 calls for service per month. So it is extremely busy  
11 in our city.

12 We are asking for this grant to help our  
13 Department deal with the rapid growth in our area. The  
14 majority of our calls are motor vehicle related, due to  
15 the enormous amount of roadways that run through our city.

16 Our city is about to experience a business and  
17 residential boom. We have a \$2 billion waterpark coming  
18 to our city; it's called Pura Vida. It is touted as being  
19 the biggest waterpark in the world.

20 It will encompass 400 acres in our city. This  
21 waterpark will consist of numerous hotels, shopping  
22 strips, restaurants, and a boardwalk. We also have three  
23 Poco Loco chain -- grocery store chains coming, as well as  
24 a truck stop, and three duly permitted subdivisions.

25 And with those subdivisions, our city council



1 is trying to get implemented Flock cameras be mandated by  
2 the contractor to put in, in all those subdivisions. So  
3 we hope to integrate our cameras with theirs.

4 We sit also just a few miles from Circuit of  
5 Americas. So we often respond when they have critical  
6 incidents, and we have hundreds of thousands of people  
7 that travel through our city on the way to F1 racing at  
8 Circuit of Americas. We are asking for basic equipment to  
9 help our Department deal with growth and increase in the  
10 motor vehicle theft and catalytic convertor theft.

11 We would like to use this grant to honor Deputy  
12 Darren Almendarez for his sacrifice that he made to make  
13 this grant possible. On behalf of Chief Belmares, City of  
14 Mustang Ridge, we thank you for your consideration.

15 We also have a huge following on social media,  
16 and I am the person that runs that. So we look forward to  
17 advertising and making this grant known to our community.

18 MS. JONES: Perfect, Lieutenant. Thank you.

19 LT McCLENEY: Thank you.

20 SGT WALKER: Go ahead? Good morning. I'm  
21 Sergeant Walker. I'm with the New Braunfels Police  
22 Department.

23 New Braunfels is located conveniently between  
24 Austin and San Antonio on I-35. Our population is about  
25 120,000 right now. And kind of like Mustang Ridge, we

1       went from 50,000 in 2010 to 120,000 now.

2               We have 173 officers and we have 14 vacancies,  
3       if anybody's interested. We're still in the process right  
4       now of having our 53 Flock cameras installed. They're  
5       coming in just about daily now, though.

6               We're asking for \$438,724, with our match of  
7       87,744, for a total of 526,468. This money is going to be  
8       for recurring costs for the Flock camera program, along  
9       with our positions that we had from the last grant. We're  
10      going to be asking for one piece of additional equipment,  
11      and that's going to be a forensic image capturing system  
12      which specializes in fingerprints and handprints.

13              We are very active on social media, both for us  
14      posting it and getting griped at. And we also do the  
15      National Night Out. We're working with local hotels right  
16      now for outdoor public notifications, and we're setting up  
17      engraving -- or setting up engraving events with some of  
18      our local oil change places, where you get a free  
19      engraving if you want one.

20              As of right now, we have 58 UUMVs since  
21      January, and only two actual stolen cats, and that was  
22      several months ago. Do you have any questions?

23              (No response.)

24              SGT WALKER: All right.

25              MS. JONES: No, sir. Thank you.

1 SGT WALKER: Thank you.

2 MS. JONES: Nolanville? Palestine and Palmer.

3 Good morning, sir.

4 LT ROWE: Good morning, y'all. My name's  
5 Lieutenant Rowe. I'm with Nolanville Police Department.

6 We are here asking for \$32,250. 35,800 is from  
7 y'all, and 6,450 is for us.

8 Nolanville is a small department. We have 13  
9 sworn employees, one civilian, and we're located right on  
10 the I-14 corridor, right between Fort Hood and Temple. So  
11 we see roughly about 10,000 vehicles through our city  
12 every day.

13 Another part that makes our city unique is  
14 there are three different avenues for people to move from  
15 Fort Hood to Temple to I-35. So the Department is divided  
16 by a train station -- or by a train track. So if the  
17 train is there, the criminals go on one side of the town,  
18 where we can't get to them, or vice versa. So the Flock  
19 cameras that we are requesting are going to help us have  
20 eyes on both sides of the city at the same time.

21 As you can see right here, this is where  
22 Nolanville is located. We are one short trip from Fort  
23 Hood, Belton, Temple. We're asking for nine LPR cameras  
24 and one PTZ camera. There's a little close-up of the  
25 town.

1           As you can see, the city -- or the road up top.  
2       Then you have the highway, and then you have another road  
3       that's down here, so they have three avenues to come right  
4       through town, and they're quick. So they have -- what are  
5       plan is, is to put the cameras on every entrance and exit  
6       throughout the city. So that way, we can assist the other  
7       agencies if it comes from a bigger agency, and we can let  
8       them know where it comes through at.

9           In the last 12 months, we've had 40 stolen  
10       vehicles, six burglary of vehicle parts, which includes  
11       the catalytic convertors, and we have recovered nine -- or  
12       I'm sorry -- five vehicles from other agencies that  
13       weren't stolen from us. And that was just on lucky  
14       traffic stops, because they travel right through our town  
15       when they get stolen from bigger cities.

16           Any questions?

17           (No response.)

18           LT ROWE: All right. Thank you.

19           MS. JONES: Thank you.

20           CAPT KERR: Good morning. My name is Matt  
21       Kerr. I'm a Palestine Police Department -- I'm a captain  
22       there. Our project manager couldn't make it. He had  
23       surgery, and so I'm standing in for him.

24           The Palestine Police Department has 43 sworn  
25       officers. We have CID, motor patrol unit, street crimes,

1 and some school resource officers. Our city population is  
2 18,544, and we have a daytime working population of  
3 approximately 58,000, and we cover 19.4 square miles.

4 We have a lot of highways that come through  
5 Palestine. We have State Highway 59 -- excuse me -- 19,  
6 155, US Highway 79, US 287, and US 84. We're two hours  
7 south of DFW. We're two hours north of Houston, and we're  
8 two hours of Shreveport.

9 We have several distribution centers there.  
10 Notably, the most -- we have one Walmart in town, and then  
11 right outside of the city limits, we have another large  
12 Walmart distribution center. It's the largest in the  
13 nation. It has two sisters, one in California and one in  
14 New York, and it supplies other DCs.

15 I mention that just because of the amount of  
16 traffic in the geographical area that we're in. Some  
17 crime data for you. In 2024, we recovered 23 stolen  
18 vehicles. We went out on 32 burglary of vehicles.

19 We had two catalytic convertor thefts, where  
20 that was the only thing that was stolen, and 28 UUMVs.  
21 Year-to-date so far, we have had 13 stolen vehicles that  
22 we have recovered. We've went out on 20 burglary of  
23 vehicles, and we've had one catalytic convertor reported,  
24 and 13 UUMVs.

25 We are looking and seeking -- we're asking the

1 Board for \$30,000 -- going back -- for \$30,000, and this  
2 is going to be a continuation of the FY 2025. We were  
3 awarded some money so we could get 12 of the Flock  
4 cameras. We have not received any of those yet, with the  
5 hold-up with TxDOT, so we do not have any of those cameras  
6 out on our streets yet, but we're hopeful after learning  
7 from last night we will get to move forward.

8 So what we're asking for is the second year  
9 continuation of those grant funds, with the city matching  
10 \$6,000, for a total of 30-. These cameras will aid our  
11 CID in finding and recovering stolen vehicles and  
12 catalytic convertors. We will be sharing our camera data  
13 with other law enforcement agencies that's on the Flock  
14 system, so we want to be able to help with that.

15 Some of the stolen vehicles that we've  
16 recovered, we've had them out of Austin, Houston, College  
17 Station, Dallas/Ft. Worth area, and that's what we're  
18 recovering in our area. So I believe that, when we have  
19 these up on our highways, that it will not only assist us,  
20 but other agencies in recovering the property that was  
21 stolen in their jurisdictions.

22 We have a very active social media account. We  
23 have 18,000 followers. You know, we're a small  
24 [inaudible].

25 MS. JONES: You're a small city?

1           CAPT KERR: We're a small city.

2           MS. JONES: Thank you, sir.

3           City of Palmer? After that is Panola County  
4 and the Town of Pecos City.

5           SGT CANTU: Good morning. The green arrow  
6 is --

7           VOICE: Yeah.

8           SGT CANTU: -- click this? Okay. Cool.

9           My name is Sergeant Manuel Cantu. I oversee  
10 patrol operations and am part of a -- the CID -- or CID.  
11 We are a small department with 18 sworn officers, two of  
12 which are me and my LT. We are the only detectives there.

13           Palmer is a growing community, and with our  
14 limited staffing and resources, we rely heavily on  
15 technology to extend our effectiveness. Programs like  
16 Flock have helped us maximize our ability to address crime  
17 and investigate cases despite being a small department.

18           For our taskforce grant, which -- that was an  
19 error on me. It's the catalytic convertor grant, we are  
20 requesting 10,000 in the MVCPA funds, with a \$2,400 cash  
21 match, provided by the City of Palmer, bringing the total  
22 project cost to 12,400. This funding will support the  
23 renewal of our annual subscription to Flock Safety for the  
24 four LPR cameras and the associated platform access.

25           I'd also like to clarify that there was an

1 issue on -- or a mistake on our PowerPoint presentation.  
2 It incorrectly showed 3,200, but the correct amount we're  
3 requesting is 10,000, with the remaining amount, 2,400,  
4 being covered by our Department.

5 For the grant, we are -- or last year -- or I'm  
6 sorry. For fiscal year 2025, we were awarded 12,800 in  
7 MVCPA funds, with a 3,200 cash match from the Department.

8 So that brought our total expense to 16,000. And these  
9 funds are being used for the installation of six Flock  
10 cameras in strategic locations throughout Palmer.

11 Installation is still underway, but once completed, we  
12 expect the system to significantly enhance our ability to  
13 detect and recover stolen vehicles and reduce motor  
14 vehicle crimes overall.

15 As far as public awareness, we haven't launched  
16 any formal public awareness campaigns using the grant  
17 funds. We host annual community outreach events, which we  
18 plan to incorporate public education about these  
19 technologies into future events.

20 We do use Facebook a lot. We are a part of a  
21 Facebook group called The Voice of Palmer. We plan to use  
22 that, you know, to educate our community about these --  
23 about this grant.

24 That's it.

25 MS. JONES: Thank you, sir. No questions.



1 Panola County? Town of Pecos City and Polk  
2 County will be next.

3 Good morning, gentlemen.

4 SHERIFF CLINTON: Good morning. Sheriff  
5 Clinton out of Panola County. This is Captain Adam Jones.  
6 Thank you for your time.

7 Panola County is in East Texas on the Louisiana  
8 border. We share a border --

9 MS. JONES: Wow.

10 SHERIFF CLINTON: -- excuse me.

11 (General laughter.)

12 CAPT JONES: This is our first time applying  
13 for the grant for the MVCPA. We appreciate that very  
14 much. Your grant application process was super simple. I  
15 like that.

16 MS. JONES: Great to hear.

17 CAPT JONES: So clicking through here, our  
18 catalytic convertor theft doubled in Panola County, from  
19 2023 to 2024. I don't want that stat or that sentence to  
20 kind of paint it different. We had two catalytic  
21 convertor thefts in 2023. We have five in 2024.

22 So far this year, we've had three already. So  
23 we're on that trend of it continuing. We had 61 vehicle  
24 thefts and vehicle burglaries collectively this year. Our  
25 vehicle burglaries are coming in sprees.

1           They're coming in from organized groups that  
2           are coming from out of our county. And they will hit  
3           multiple residences in a single night, and then they  
4           disappear and they're out of our jurisdiction.

5           So we're looking at getting the Flock cameras.  
6           We're looking at 19 of them. We're going to post them  
7           all around our county. This little map shows that the --  
8           the camera locations that we've got.

9           Our budget for this is estimated and quoted at  
10          \$92,000. We also have included in that budget an LPR  
11          trailer. We're going to match that with 15,000, so we're  
12          going to be looking at sending about 76,000 grant funds on  
13          that.

14          This project was, interestingly, not brought to  
15          us by law enforcement. It was brought to us by our  
16          collaborators in the oilfield. They use it in their tech  
17          and in their business, in their private business. And  
18          hey, it was sexy for them, so it's good for us, you know.

19          And outside of that, project goals. You know,  
20          we're going to try to be more active on social media.  
21          We're very active on social media.

22          We have a good Facebook account that we daily  
23          update our citizens in our county. And we're going to  
24          collaborate with our surrounding agencies. Many of them  
25          already have the Flock systems, and we going to network.

1                   So that's what we're looking for. Any  
2 questions?

3                   MS. JONES: No, sir.

4                   CAPT JONES: All right.

5                   SHERIFF CLINTON: Thank you.

6                   CAPT JONES: Thank y'all.

7                   MS. JONES: You're welcome. Thank you both.

8                   CHIEF TARANGO: Good morning.

9                   MS. JONES: Good morning, ma'am.

10                  CHIEF TARANGO: My name is Lisa Tarango. I'm  
11 the Chief of Police for the Pecos Police Department.

12                  We're a small department as well. We have 24  
13 uniformed officers, four vacant positions, and seven  
14 frozen positions. Obviously, where we're located, we have  
15 to fight the oilfield for employees.

16                  So our grant application is a total of 543,200,  
17 with 434,560 being through the MVCPA, and then the 108,640  
18 provided by the City of Pecos. This is going to be for  
19 five LPR cameras, 10 PTZ, and for mobile data terminals  
20 for our patrol units.

21                  We have different egress and ingress into our  
22 community. Highway 285, unfortunately, is known as the  
23 death highway in Texas because of the oil traffic that  
24 travels north from Pecos towards Mentone and Orla area,  
25 where we have an oilfield patch that compares in size to

1 the one in Saudi Arabia.

2 With that, our population during the daytime is  
3 14,000. At nighttime, it swells up to 35- to 40,000, with  
4 the oilfield workers. And with that, we don't have enough  
5 patrol officers to keep up with the call demand that's  
6 coming through.

7 The PTZ cameras will be placed in different  
8 locations throughout the community, which is going to  
9 encompass not only the schools in our area, which we have  
10 six in the city limits; we have a sports complex that's  
11 recently built that hosts a minor league team. That  
12 brings in different tournaments during every weekend, plus  
13 they're fixing to do a groundbreaking on a waterpark that  
14 will sit besides this sports complex. The roads coming  
15 in: Highway 285, Highway 17, Business 20, and Interstate  
16 20, which all goes through the City of Pecos city limits.

17 We will integrate with national and local  
18 databases. We have checked the area around us. Different  
19 agencies have these cameras already, so we plan to share  
20 that data with them as well. Going to be for hardware and  
21 software costs.

22 Hopefully, the timeline of the deployment will  
23 be within 180 days to a year, listening to what it takes  
24 to get the permits done. Our community education will be  
25 through social media. Still being a small community, we

1 do have newspapers and radio, which is what the older  
2 community wants to still see, as well as communication and  
3 marketing through the City of Pecos.

4 Have any questions?

5 MS. JONES: Chief, how do plan to utilize the  
6 cameras to combat the theft of catalytic convertors?

7 CHIEF TARANGO: So luckily, we haven't had any  
8 in this fiscal year, and in 2024, we haven't had any  
9 either. We're believing that having the cameras and the  
10 ability to track the offenders through our community will  
11 help combat any of those thefts.

12 Unfortunately, we have a high volume of  
13 oilfield theft, even upwards of millions of dollars of oil  
14 being taken from tank batteries. So we're hoping that,  
15 with the education of the community and the deployment of  
16 these devices, that it will bring the awareness and halt  
17 some of the theft activity that goes on.

18 MS. JONES: So you're planning to be proactive,  
19 since you do not have catalytic thefts?

20 CHIEF TARANGO: Yes, ma'am. And I'm not going  
21 to say we don't have any, but none that have been  
22 reported, but we have vehicle thefts and oilfield thefts.

23 MS. JONES: Yes, ma'am. Thank you.

24 CHIEF TARANGO: Yes, ma'am.

25 MR. GERTZ: Good morning and thank you.

1 MS. JONES: Good morning, sir.

2 MR. GERTZ: I'm Detective Ron Gertz with the  
3 Polk County Sheriff's Office.

4 We are between Houston and Lufkin. We have  
5 less than 50 sworn officers. We have four major highways  
6 across our county, US Highway 59 which is transitioning to  
7 Interstate 69 and US Highway 190, US Highway 287, and  
8 State Highway 146.

9 We share criminals with the surrounding  
10 counties. We have 11,000 square miles in our  
11 jurisdiction. We have 11 -- we have Lake Livingston, the  
12 third largest lake in the state of Texas. This gives us a  
13 large increase in population on the weekends and in  
14 summers.

15 There is an increase in property crime during  
16 the off-season due to unoccupied residences. We have the  
17 Naskila Casino on the Alabama-Coushatta Indian  
18 Reservation. This gives us a large increase in traffic  
19 and motor vehicle crimes.

20 Previous grant funding has allowed us to have  
21 Flock cameras throughout the county. These have aided in  
22 numerous investigations and arrests, from illegal dumping  
23 to homicide. We have most -- this has been the most  
24 useful tool of my career.

25 This resource is necessary to bridge the gap

1 between increased crime and the limited manpower. Budget  
2 restrictions limit our resources, and without grant  
3 funding -- we currently have five Flock LPR cameras  
4 functioning. We are awaiting TxDOT permitting on the 13  
5 more.

6 We are asking for \$45,000 to be used for the  
7 annual licenses renewal for these cameras. We will fund  
8 9,000, for a total of 54,000. We did not have funding  
9 within our county budget, the current county budget, to  
10 support the annual renewal, and without this grant, these  
11 resources will not be utilized.

12 We share -- since SB224, our catalytic  
13 convertor theft has drastically decreased. We had zero  
14 recorded this year so far. We currently have an LPR set  
15 right in front of our local scrap yards. This has helped  
16 a lot as well.

17 We utilize social media including Facebook,  
18 Polk County Today, and Crimestoppers. We also sponsor a  
19 citizens academy to educate the public. Thank you.

20 MS. JONES: Thank you, sir.

21 Potter County? City of Pottsboro, and then  
22 City of Premont.

23 MR. McBROOM: Good morning.

24 MS. JONES: Good morning, sir.

25 MR. McBROOM: Patrick McBroom, the commander of

1 the Panhandle Auto Burglary and Theft Unit.

2 Currently, we're going to ask for renewal of  
3 funding for 106 Flock cameras that we have currently, with  
4 additional 27 camera -- 21 cameras added, for a total of  
5 127 Flock cameras over the Texas Panhandle. We have 28  
6 coverage agencies, 17 participating agencies. That has  
7 grown by two since last year, and we've had agencies  
8 contact us since we've put the application in, wanting to  
9 pitch some more money at us, in order to assist with this.

10 We had 325 catalytic convertors stolen in '25,  
11 and we've recovered 406, which is about half a million  
12 dollars worth of catalytic convertor.

13 Maintain two Facebook pages for the Taskforce,  
14 one X account, and one Instagram account. And we've  
15 posted 203 catalytic convertor specific information on  
16 those accounts so far this year. And we try to do that  
17 weekly, catalytic convertor specific information.

18 We're asking for \$348,080, with a \$90,621  
19 match. That's for the 127 Flock cameras, insulation on 21  
20 of those, fuel or supplies and training.

21 Here's the photograph or a map of the Texas  
22 Panhandle, and all those cameras are the cameras that  
23 MVCPA is assisting in funding, covering the whole Texas  
24 Panhandle. Those red cameras on the south end of the  
25 Panhandle are the new ones that will be going in after



1 September 1, for those two additional counties -- or the  
2 additional county, which is Swisher County and Tulia PD.

3 Any questions?

4 (No response.)

5 MS. JONES: No, sir.

6 MR. McBROOM: Okay.

7 MS. JONES: Potttsboro?

8 (No response.)

9 MS. JONES: No Potttsboro. We will move on to  
10 Premont.

11 Thank you for being here.

12 CHIEF GARCIA: Yes, ma'am. How are y'all  
13 doing? Good morning. You've got to press the green  
14 button. Okay.

15 How are y'all doing? My name is Chief Ric  
16 Garcia from the Premont Police Department. I've come down  
17 here to ask y'all about funding for the MVCPA grant.

18 Just real quick on us, we're a small town of  
19 about 2,800 people. I've got a small agency. I've got  
20 nine sworn officers out of 12 right now, and I'm also  
21 responsible for the Premont Independent School District,  
22 which is an additional three officers.

23 We are right in the middle of I-69, which is  
24 about 6 million vehicles that travel through in Premont.  
25 Is currently also, thank goodness, having a growth spurt.

1       We've got two large fuel stations that have been built.  
2       We have a Love's Truck Stop that's going to be built here  
3       in the next few months, and a lot of businesses are  
4       starting to come in town.

5               I came out of retirement to head up this agency  
6       in a complete rebuild, and it's been something else, okay.

7       Our biggest technological leap was when I bought a couple  
8       of game cameras and put them up to try and help us with  
9       our investigations, because we stirred up a big, old  
10      hornet's nest when we started bringing professional police  
11      into that town and into that region.

12             We know that we have issues with auto theft.  
13      We know that we have catalytic convertor theft issues. I  
14      inherited an impound with about 60 vehicles that I've  
15      began to auction, that hadn't been touched in decades.  
16      For some odd reasons, none of them had catalytic  
17      convertors.

18             And as we started to stir these things up, as  
19      we started to stir up the entrenched cartel stash houses  
20      and things like that inside of our community, we've seen  
21      backlash. I had three of my patrol cars burned in an  
22      arson, city vehicles there in the impound lot. It's been  
23      a lot.

24             Now, I know that with this grant, we can  
25      educate our community about catalytic convertor theft.

1 And that will set a solid foundation to begin that best  
2 practice model for our region. We have -- we don't have  
3 anybody doing this in our area. Our closest ones are  
4 going to be Corpus Christi and down in the Rio Grande  
5 Valley, where I came from.

6 And I think it's -- while the huge focus is on  
7 narcotics and interdiction, I think there's a big hole  
8 when it comes to auto theft. I'd really like for us to  
9 grab a hold of that. I'd like for us to own it, and I'd  
10 like for us to be the leaders in our region when it comes  
11 to auto theft issues and catalytic convertor education, to  
12 keeping those sort of things from happening.

13 I'm basically -- I know you have the numbers in  
14 front of you, but I'm basically asking for the starter  
15 kit. I know that we can make an impact. I know that we  
16 can motivate our stakeholders, our agencies around us. I  
17 know that, by having Flock systems in and around our city,  
18 and because we have MOUs with the surrounding counties and  
19 cities as well, that we can start making a direct impact  
20 when it comes to these steps.

21 And we have a huge social media following for  
22 us, you know, considering we just started. In the last  
23 quarter, we had about 250,000 views on our Facebook page.

24 So our communities are very hungry for education, and I  
25 think that, with the proper support, we could do some

1 really, really great things in our area.

2 Any questions?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. SLOAN: Good timing. Hey, Chief?

5 CHIEF GARCIA: Yes, sir?

6 MR. SLOAN: The question I have is in regards  
7 to the cash match. It's pretty substantial when you're  
8 trying to outfit a starter kit. My concerns are -- and if  
9 you'll elaborate --

10 CHIEF GARCIA: So --

11 MR. SLOAN: -- and expound upon how are you  
12 going to be able to maintain --

13 CHIEF GARCIA: -- so we've been fortunate.  
14 That impound lot turned out to be a little goldmine. I'm  
15 thankful that nobody had taken anything to auction for a  
16 while. So I've been able to make a considerable amount of  
17 money auctioning that.

18 I learned a lot yesterday listening and talking  
19 to some of these agencies. And so I know that, when -- if  
20 we're fortunate enough to get your blessing, I know when  
21 we get to the table and we start to renegotiate and look  
22 at numbers, I think that, with your expertise, we'll be  
23 able to streamline that starter kit a little bit to make  
24 it a lot more -- a lot better and sustainable for us.

25 And we're -- my goal ultimately, and I know

1 I'm -- it's just -- I'm just spit-balling, but I know  
2 we've got good partners and I know that this could turn  
3 into something like a taskforce in the near future,  
4 because it's just not around us, and I know we have an  
5 issue.

6 So I'm hoping that, through partnerships, we  
7 can sustain this and grow and next year when I'm sitting  
8 behind this podium, I've got some really great numbers for  
9 y'all.

10 MR. SLOAN: Thank you.

11 MS. JONES: Sir, what is the -- where are you  
12 going, sir?

13 CHIEF GARCIA: I got a real good thank you  
14 there. I thought that was it.

15 MS. JONES: That was him.

16 CHIEF GARCIA: Not you, not you.

17 MS. JONES: So what's the square mile of your  
18 county?

19 CHIEF GARCIA: So we are kind of at the border  
20 between Brooks and Jim Wells County. So we do a lot of  
21 work between the two. We have -- we really help each  
22 other out.

23 So we're talking about 1,800 square miles  
24 between the two, between Brooks and Jim Wells County where  
25 we work. We have MOUs with them. So we do interdiction

1 work with them. We send our detective to go help them  
2 with cases and stuff like that.

3 Our city is just about two square miles.

4 MS. JONES: That was my next --

5 CHIEF GARCIA: Yeah.

6 MS. JONES: -- question.

7 CHIEF GARCIA: It's --

8 MS. JONES: So your city's two miles, with  
9 approximately 2,400 people?

10 CHIEF GARCIA: 2,800 people. Yes, ma'am.

11 MS. JONES: 2,800?

12 CHIEF GARCIA: Yes, ma'am. Most local number.

13 MS. JONES: Nine officers?

14 CHIEF GARCIA: Yes, out of the 12.

15 MS. JONES: So nine officers, are they  
16 currently equipped with patrol vehicles?

17 CHIEF GARCIA: I inherited three used cars and  
18 three officers. I've got us up to 12 allotted, nine  
19 hired. The vehicles that we've been getting have been  
20 vehicles that I have managed to purchase from other  
21 agencies. And we put lipstick on them and we fixed them  
22 up and we've caged them and we put -- we just got into --  
23 we just finished installing all of our pacemaker -- or  
24 pacemaker -- Peacemaker systems in there.

25 When I tell you that we're rebuilding and we're

1 doing things that have not been done there, I -- it's 45-  
2 year-old, brand-new agency, and we're getting it done  
3 right, and it's because of grants. It's because of  
4 things --

5 MS. JONES: So --

6 CHIEF GARCIA: -- that we've been able to grow.

7 MS. JONES: -- here's my concern. You have  
8 nine officers, and you're asking for two vehicles. That's  
9 one of many concerns. So these two vehicles, are they  
10 going to -- are you --

11 CHIEF GARCIA: Yes --

12 MS. JONES: -- hiring new --

13 CHIEF GARCIA: -- yeah. It's to hire two  
14 officers. They are going to be dedicated to this, and  
15 that's what the two vehicles come from, the having the  
16 investigator and the officer to just begin completely  
17 focusing on this aspect.

18 MS. JONES: So you're hiring two people?

19 CHIEF GARCIA: That is the intent with this  
20 grant, yes.

21 MS. JONES: Okay. So I'm just being very  
22 clear. You are not getting these two new vehicles to  
23 supplement --

24 CHIEF GARCIA: No.

25 MS. JONES: -- your nine?

1 CHIEF GARCIA: We have our vehicles. This --  
2 if we were not to get this grant, it didn't matter. We  
3 have our vehicles for our agency.

4 MS. JONES: Okay.

5 CHIEF GARCIA: This is dealing with our grant,  
6 with auto theft.

7 MS. JONES: And you're asking for 29 cameras --

8 CHIEF GARCIA: Yes. There was --

9 MS. JONES: -- for two miles?

10 CHIEF GARCIA: -- there was a little bit of a  
11 misstep there with -- we have a brand-new mayor and brand-  
12 new everything, so we rely very heavily on our grant  
13 writers. I think there was a miscommunication on that,  
14 and that --

15 MS. JONES: So --

16 CHIEF GARCIA: -- I was assured we'd be able to  
17 streamline.

18 MS. JONES: -- yes. So let's streamline right  
19 now.

20 CHIEF GARCIA: Yes.

21 MS. JONES: How many cameras do you need?

22 CHIEF GARCIA: Probably talking about 12 that  
23 would cover, because we have both sides of the expressway  
24 with the gas stations and the truck stops, and then we  
25 have the school district. And the school district has the



1 feeder routes that go out into the county, and those  
2 feeder routes are where we have the intelligence and a lot  
3 of the chop shops and that sort of things are at. So the  
4 12 cameras would be ideal.

5 MS. JONES: Thank you, Chief.

6 CHIEF GARCIA: Yes, ma'am.

7 (Pause.)

8 MS. JONES: Princeton is next. We're having --  
9 are we back on track now? Princeton is next. The Town of  
10 Prosper, and then Rains County.

11 SGT CRAWFORD: Good morning.

12 MS. JONES: Good morning.

13 SGT CRAWFORD: I'm Sergeant Carolyn Crawford  
14 with the Princeton Police Department. I am the sergeant  
15 over the Criminal Investigations Division.

16 MS. JONES: Is it green? I think -- yeah.

17 SGT CRAWFORD: I just don't talk loud. Sorry.

18

19 MS. JONES: Good. There you go.

20 SGT CRAWFORD: Princeton, Texas, is currently  
21 the fastest growing city in the nation. Our population  
22 has surged, over 37,000 residents, and we now serve a  
23 jurisdiction of 18 square miles with only 45 officers,  
24 including our command staff. A key factor in our rapid  
25 development is US Highway 380, a major east and west

1 corridor that connects multiple growing cities like  
2 McKinney, Prosper, and Farmersville. This highway runs  
3 straight through Princeton, creating high traffic volume  
4 and making it a vital passage for commuters, businesses,  
5 and unfortunately, criminal activity.

6 As Princeton expands north toward Melissa and  
7 south towards Lake Lavon, the importance of surveillance  
8 and traffic monitoring technology becomes critical, not  
9 just for our city, but the safety of the entire corridor.

10 This grant will help us gain the utilization of Flock  
11 camera technology, which is already proving essential in  
12 our investigative work.

13 Flock cameras have already had a powerful  
14 impact here in Princeton. In one major case, we used the  
15 technology to track a murder suspect all the way to St.  
16 Louis, Missouri. Thanks to this data, we recovered the  
17 victim before the suspect could dispose of her body. We  
18 also identified and later arrested his accomplice.

19 This technology gives us real-time visibility  
20 on vehicle movements and suspicious activity and an  
21 invaluable resource for both crime prevention and  
22 resolution. Strategically placing Flock cameras along  
23 Highway 380 in key access routes will benefit not just  
24 Princeton, but neighboring cities as well. It enhances  
25 regional awareness, deters vehicle-related crimes, and

1 aligns directly with MVCPA's statewide goals.

2 We are asking for the six LPRs, a total of  
3 20,000, with a cash match of 3,333, with MVCPA at 16,667.

4 In 2024, we had a total of 48 motor vehicle thefts. So  
5 far in 2025, we've had 25. I know there's been at least  
6 three more since the grant application, and we recovered  
7 at least one vehicle that had a VIN swap on it.

8 Our social media platforms are Facebook and  
9 Instagram. We do several community outreach programs,  
10 such as Coffee with Cops, Ops with Cops, Coats for Kids,  
11 National Night Out, and CPA.

12 Do you have any questions?

13 MS. JONES: Yes, ma'am. Can you clarify the  
14 usage of the cameras in relation to catalytic convertor  
15 thefts?

16 SGT CRAWFORD: Yes, ma'am. With 380 being one  
17 of the major corridors that goes through Collin County,  
18 being able to catch vehicles that are either coming from  
19 McKinney or even Farmersville that have been stolen,  
20 vehicles that have catalytic converters on them. We also  
21 have a few of the recycling shops, or the metal recycling  
22 shops, within Princeton as well.

23 MS. JONES: Thank you.

24 SGT CRAWFORD: Yes, ma'am.

25 MS. JONES: No further questions.

1 Prosper?

2 MR. KUNDAK: Good morning, everyone.

3 MS. JONES: Good morning.

4 MR. KUNDAK: I'm Jon Kundak with the Prosper  
5 Police Department, and this is Alexa Wollet, who is our  
6 crime analyst, and she's fantastic, by the way. So  
7 basically, what we're going to do is give a very quick  
8 presentation on why we're reapplying for the catalytic  
9 convertor grant, and this is actually a continuation of  
10 that from 2024 and 2025.

11 So I've already gone over the background on my  
12 first presentation, that Prosper is growing, like any  
13 place along 380, same thing with Prosper, and we do have  
14 active investigation that Alexa is going to go over, as  
15 far as what our desire is and how we're trying to combat  
16 to help MVCPA and our partners.

17 MS. JONES: Thank you.

18 MS. WOLLET: Good morning. My name is Alexa  
19 Wollet, and I'm the crime analyst with the Prosper Police  
20 Department.

21 So we have been able to develop a regional  
22 public safety network using our ALPR cameras, Flock  
23 cameras, and Drone as First Responder, across Prosper,  
24 Frisco, and Celina Police Departments, with the future  
25 technology of our expansion growth. Our agency partners

1 with Homeland Security and follows a stratified policing  
2 model to integrate intelligence and accountability at all  
3 levels of -- within our police department. With our new  
4 transparency portal and active public outreach, we're  
5 building a proactive, tech-driven approach to keep our  
6 community safe, with the support of the MVCPA.

7 We are currently investigating a large  
8 catalytic convertor case and we'll be working with the  
9 Collin County Sheriff's Office and other partners. In  
10 conclusion, we'll be meeting with the Taskforce partner on  
11 August 5 regarding the large catalytic convertor thefts  
12 and other retail vehicle crimes within their area.

13 MR. KUNDAK: So -- and what we're asking for is  
14 a continuation of the grant, but we've also expanded a  
15 request for overtime and training and travel. Because  
16 what we plan on doing is really getting involved with our  
17 partners along 380, as well as utilizing our Flock  
18 trailers, our ALPR trailers. And we've requested an  
19 additional 16 cameras, our ALPR, and 12 pan-tilt-and-zoom  
20 cameras. So that's what we're requesting.

21 And one thing is, on one of the cases we are  
22 investigating, we know it's moving forward at a pretty  
23 rapid pace. So hopefully we will have more information  
24 maybe by October or January, but we're actually being very  
25 diligent with it. So --

1 MS. JONES: Great to hear.

2 MR. KUNDAK: -- any questions?

3 (No response.)

4 MS. JONES: No questions. Thank you.

5 MR. KUNDAK: Thank y'all --

6 MS. WOLLET: Thank you.

7 MR. KUNDAKE: -- so much. Thank y'all.

8 MS. WOLLET: Thank you.

9 MR. HOPKINS: Good morning. How are y'all?

10 MS. JONES: Good morning, sir.

11 MR. HOPKINS: So I'm going to give you a quick  
12 overview of Rains County. We're the fourth smallest  
13 county in Texas, limited budget experience.

14 Right now, our big project is our radio  
15 inoperability. It's all beyond its life existence. So  
16 that's going to cost us \$1.9 million.

17 We do have some grants to fund some of that,  
18 but the county -- it's going to be about \$900,000 to pay  
19 for it. We'll have to finance it. Rains County being the  
20 fourth smallest, we have three other PDs within our  
21 jurisdiction, which is Emory, Point, and East Tawakoni.

22 Population, a little less than 13,000. Our  
23 growth rate is 6.9 percent, and we're a little less than  
24 230 square miles. We have 14 sworn deputies. Recent  
25 increase in crime. And we're the only agency that works

1 24 hours in our county, two deputies per shift.

2 Our deputies, they get a case. They  
3 investigate the case, start to finish, which other calls  
4 for service delays that. Prosecution rates go down.  
5 Solvability goes down as well and creates evidence gaps  
6 for us, collecting that evidence.

7 This is our LPR map that we've requested our  
8 LPRs for last year. Have not been installed yet. We were  
9 delayed by the TxDOT thing. We know that once these  
10 cameras get installed, it's going to increase our crimes  
11 there.

12 We currently average 24 catalytic convertor  
13 thefts a year. Last year, we had 27, and when this report  
14 was turned in, we were at six this year, as of April.  
15 We're cut between -- we're right between Lake Fork and  
16 Lake Tawakoni, so we get a lot of boaters, trailers, and a  
17 lot of catalytic convertor thefts in our boat ramps in  
18 those areas there.

19 Thank you. What we're requesting this year is  
20 a CID position, CID vehicle, CID training, and flash  
21 cameras we got last year. Once we got funded on the  
22 cameras, the bundle was already discontinued, so we had to  
23 find the cameras that we could find with the price that we  
24 got, and we're asking for cameras for that.

25 The reason we're asking for a CID position this

1 one time is I plan on getting it funded next year, not  
2 this budget year, but the next coming budget year, because  
3 I know once these cameras are installed, our caseloads  
4 even go up even further. And right now, I have nobody  
5 investigating our property crimes, catalytic convertor  
6 crimes. Just the deputies themselves are doing those.

7 The grant goes -- is to the crime accelerated  
8 investigations, provide evidence for prosecution  
9 thoroughness, and increase solvability. Increase  
10 cooperation with other agencies to provide a safer  
11 community.

12 What we're -- total we're asking for is  
13 \$213,488. MVCPA would be, if awarded, 177,967, with a  
14 matching of 35,581.

15 MS. JONES: Sir, the vehicle and the captain?

16 MR. HOPKINS: CID person?

17 MS. JONES: Oh, yes.

18 MR. HOPKINS: Yes. Yes, ma'am.

19 MS. JONES: He's not a captain. Pardon. The  
20 CID person, the vehicle's going to that person?

21 MR. HOPKINS: That person.

22 MS. JONES: And that person is solely --

23 MR. HOPKINS: Property crimes, catalytic  
24 convertor crimes, that's all. That's what I need. We  
25 have nobody investigating right now, and our crimes are



1 just piling up on us.

2 MS. JONES: Thank you, sir.

3 MR. HOPKINS: Yeah.

4 MS. JONES: No further questions.

5 SGT ROBINSON: Hello.

6 MS. JONES: Good morning, sir.

7 SGT ROBINSON: All right. My name is Jon  
8 Robinson. I'm a CID detective, the sergeant over the CID  
9 Division for the Roanoke Police Department. And with me  
10 is Sergeant John Roundy, and he's with our Traffic  
11 Division.

12 The Roanoke Police Department, 35 sworn people.  
13 Resident population is right at about 10,000 people, 6.9  
14 square miles. The main highways through our city is -- we  
15 have US Highway 377, which basically goes Ft. Worth north,  
16 all the way to Denton, Highway 170, and State Highway 114,  
17 which is basically Grapevine, all the way west to Texas  
18 Motor Speedway.

19 Basically, what we're asking for is a DFR  
20 program. Total cost is \$150,000. We'll be paying the  
21 20 percent and then asking for the 80 percent of that  
22 150-.

23 As far as crime trends through Roanoke, kind of  
24 like everyone else has been talking about, catalytic  
25 convertor thefts were a lot more several years ago. 2022,

1 we had 19, and then so far this year, we have not had any.

2 When we did have them, it seemed like most of them were  
3 construction trucks or U-Haul trucks or something like  
4 that, that are just sitting around for hours and hours.

5 We do have a big problem with, like, BMVs,  
6 stolen vehicles. Last year, we had 39 total BMVs. This  
7 year, we're at 10 so far. Stolen vehicles last year was  
8 35, and then we're at 15 so far this year.

9 The plan is to use this DFR program to go along  
10 with our Flock Safety cameras. We already have 14 cameras  
11 up, with 10 more waiting on approval. So totally, we'll  
12 have around 25, and then we'll help use the camera --  
13 like, if we get a hit, it might can be sent to search for  
14 the vehicle, and/or if we try to chase somebody down or  
15 whatever and they flee on feet, we could use it for that.

16 As far as BMVs, we have one good success story  
17 with our current drone program. The problem with that is,  
18 we only have three officers on duty. This required one  
19 officer to stop, put up the drone, find the vehicle when  
20 they were trying to flee away from the scene, and then he  
21 had to bring it back down to him, where the new plan would  
22 be, like, dispatch puts it up in the air, they control it  
23 from the PD, and that way, our officers are still doing,  
24 you know -- they could be looking or searching or  
25 whatever.

1           As far as community engagement, we are heavy in  
2 social media. We do a lot of the programs. We have five  
3 or six big events in the city, where the PD will put up  
4 tents and have, like, safety programs or whatever they can  
5 do to protect the citizens that come and attend.

6           What's coming up for us is Highway 114 is going  
7 to be a main highway that goes all the way through, where  
8 right now, it has lights where we stop and everything.

9           MS. JONES: Can you stop?

10          SGT ROBINSON: We stopped. Do we have any  
11 questions?

12          MS. JONES: No, sir, no questions.

13          SGT ROBINSON: Awesome. Thank you.

14          MS. JONES: You're welcome.

15          Robertson County? After Robertson, it will be  
16 the City of Robinson, and then Robstown.

17          SGT BARBER: Is it on? There we go. Howdy.  
18 I'm Steven Barber.

19          I'm a Sergeant at Robertson County Sheriff's  
20 Office. I work for the Special Operations Division.

21          What we are requesting today is allocation of  
22 \$100,000 from you guys, with a \$20,000 cash match, for a  
23 project total of \$120,000. This money will go to a  
24 dedicated team of six guys. It's going to be a proactive  
25 unit focusing on high risk vehicle interdiction.

1           The equipment that we're looking for is  
2 specialized equipment that you would normally see with any  
3 sort of tactical unit. And the reason why we are doing  
4 that is because, as we have encountered, kind of the --  
5 for a lack of a better term, cells of these organized  
6 gangs that are actually committing most of the crimes in  
7 our area, they've all been armed. And a lot of them have  
8 shown at least some propensity towards violence towards  
9 law enforcement.

10           And it's getting to where it's beyond the  
11 capability of regular patrol officers to be able to safely  
12 interdict these, for both the public and officers  
13 themselves. The team's going to operate, again, on  
14 vehicle interdiction base techniques, so BCTs, vehicle  
15 assaults.

16           Using my position as a TFO with DPS CID out of  
17 Bryan, I'm going to leverage the State's resources for  
18 analysts to conduct intelligence-based targeting on these  
19 people. As we get into them, we're going to kind of go  
20 off of the Harris County/Houston model for what they were  
21 doing with the ag robbery crews and try and take them down  
22 that way.

23           Again, what we're looking for is funding for  
24 weapons optics accessories, communication gear as far as  
25 specialized communication gear, headphones to block out

1 noise, PPE, night vision, and then aerial surveillance  
2 platforms.

3 This is going to be the breakdown. It will be  
4 \$50,000 for personal equipment, night vision, UAS.  
5 Unmanned aerial systems, it's going to be 45,000.  
6 Specialized unit forms and communications equipment is  
7 going to be 25,000.

8 What we're looking for is increased  
9 interdiction arrests, enhanced officer safety, and then  
10 long term disruption of these organized criminal elements  
11 within our county and the region.

12 Pending any questions, that concludes my --  
13 MS. JONES: How many vehicle pursuits do you  
14 have?

15 SGT BARBER: Vehicle pursuits is kind of --  
16 that's up in the air. So the vehicle pursuits don't  
17 really equate into it. So what we're seeing is organized  
18 criminal elements within the area. They're stealing -- I  
19 worked a case last year where they had stolen a little  
20 over a million and a half dollars worth of vehicles.

21 We've encountered doing chop shop type  
22 operations with these vehicles as well, and every time,  
23 again, that we've encountered them, it's gotten  
24 increasingly more violent. So pursuits is not really  
25 reflective of the true nature of it, but as far as stolen

1 vehicles, over the last year, if I were to put a number to  
2 it without having my actual data in front of me, probably  
3 about 20 or 30.

4 As far as actual catalytic convertor  
5 recoveries, I think, this year, we're at eight maybe. It  
6 could be a little bit more than that. Again, I've been  
7 working with CID in Bryan for quite a while now. So my  
8 actual numbers are not reflective of what the Sheriff's  
9 Office's numbers probably are to date.

10 MS. JONES: Does Robertson County equip its  
11 officers with weapons?

12 SGT BARBER: We do, ma'am. So what we're  
13 looking for is -- again, for vehicle-based operations,  
14 I've looked for short-barreled rifles or even submachine  
15 guns, something that's easier to employ in and out of the  
16 vehicle. And when I say that, I mean, a long gun, instead  
17 of having pistols only.

18 MS. JONES: How many felony takedowns have you  
19 guys had?

20 SGT BARBER: That would be a hard number to put  
21 to paper, ma'am, to be honest with you. As far as patrol,  
22 I know when I was on patrol, at least probably one to two  
23 a week, if you're looking at that. When it comes to the  
24 high risk felony stuff, I mean, I'm not trying to be glib  
25 about it, but if we don't have the proper equipment, even

1 one is too many to do.

2 MR. DIGGS: Good morning. And fully respect  
3 everything you guys are trying to do. I did want to  
4 reiterate, the MVCPA is not used to purchase weapons.

5 SGT BARBER: Okay. I -- when I was looking at  
6 the actual allocation of the funding, I didn't see that in  
7 there, so that's my fault for overlooking that. And we  
8 can do a budget adjustment on that.

9 MS. JONES: Is there a -- what's -- where's the  
10 closest auto theft taskforce to you?

11 SGT BARBER: Montgomery County.

12 MS. JONES: Have you reached out to them?

13 SGT BARBER: Yes, ma'am. So I've used them on  
14 my last few cases for either VIN etching or raising the  
15 VIN numbers on trailers and vehicles and everything else.

16 MS. JONES: Have you considered being a part of  
17 the taskforce?

18 SGT BARBER: No, ma'am. I -- we would like to  
19 put a guy with them, but as of right now, our CID is just  
20 now coming up to full staff, so we've not had a chance to.

21 MS. JONES: Okay.

22 SGT BARBER: We've been down to one  
23 investigator, or they've been down to one investigator for  
24 the past, I think, seven months.

25 MS. JONES: Okay. Thank you, sir.

1 SGT BARBER: Yes, ma'am.

2 (Pause.)

3 SGT BARBER: We good?

4 MS. JONES: Yes, sir.

5 SGT BARBER: Okay. Thank you.

6 MS. JONES: Thank you.

7 Robinson County -- City. City of Robinson?  
8 City of Robstown, and then Rockwall County.

9 Good morning, sir.

10 CHIEF ADAMS: My name's Larry Adams. I'm the  
11 Assistant Chief of Police in Robinson.

12 Robinson has a population of about 12,443, and  
13 we employ 24 sworn officers. We have no recent catalytic  
14 convertor thefts. Our last one was in 2023.

15 However, we do have a rapidly growing  
16 industrial area and hotels coming in, so I expect that  
17 number to start creeping up. We have had a significant  
18 increase in vehicle related crimes, including vehicle  
19 burglaries, firearm thefts from vehicles, and motor  
20 vehicle thefts. In 2023, we had 13 burglaries of  
21 vehicles, same in 2024, and in the first six months of  
22 2025, we've reached 21, with seven firearms stolen.

23 Our stolen vehicles have averaged about the  
24 same each year, with five. However, we've already had  
25 four for the first six months of this year. We do educate



1 our public about catalytic convertor thefts via our social  
2 media platforms, National Night Out, Coffee with a Cop,  
3 which we had yesterday, and our Citizens Police Academy.

4 LPRs assist in identifying suspect vehicles  
5 quickly, investigating mobile crimes like vehicle theft,  
6 supporting catalytic convertor theft investigations  
7 regionally, and enhances real-time situational awareness  
8 for officers.

9 Robinson sits at the crossroads of I-35,  
10 Highway 6, and Highway 77, and covers -- that actually  
11 should be 34 square miles. We also border and work  
12 closely with Lorena PD, Hewitt PD, Waco PD, and the  
13 McLennan County Sheriff's Office. We have one detective  
14 embedded with the Waco, Texas Anti-Gang Task Force, and  
15 our LPR data will be shared among our regional partners to  
16 broaden investigative reach.

17 The map there shows where we're requesting nine  
18 license plate reader cameras. The funding for that would  
19 be \$21,600 in grant funds, with \$5,400 city match. And  
20 the goal is to prevent and investigative vehicle crimes  
21 more effectively. And our expected outcomes are faster  
22 vehicle theft recoveries, enhanced officer safety, and  
23 regional crime reduction through shared resources.

24 And I'll be happy to answer any questions you  
25 have.

1 (No response.)

2 MS. JONES: No questions, sir.

3 CHIEF ADAMS: Thank you.

4 SGT GONZALEZ: Good morning. Arturo Gonzalez,  
5 Robstown Police Department. I'm a sergeant there.

6 I've been there 20 years. I'm a sergeant for  
7 the Organized Crime Unit. We have 26 sworn officers and  
8 10 civilian employees that serve approximately 10,000  
9 citizens.

10 Covering about 13 square miles, we are the  
11 second largest city in Nueces County. Due to our vicinity  
12 to Corpus Christi, we are considered a hub for criminals  
13 that commit crimes in both cities and go undetected  
14 through our communities.

15 We have one major highway, which is US  
16 Highway 77, that provides north and southbound directions  
17 between Mexico and major cities in the United States. US  
18 Highway 77 is nationally recognized as a major pipeline  
19 for criminal activities associated with transnational drug  
20 trafficking organizations and auto thefts involving stolen  
21 vehicles headed to Mexico.

22 We are tasked with responding to and  
23 investigating thefts of motor vehicles, burglary of motor  
24 vehicles, and catalytic convertor thefts that occur within  
25 the city of Robstown. Within the past two years, we have

1 investigated a total of 380 burglaries and 300 theft, 15  
2 of those being catalytic convertor thefts which alone were  
3 valued at 32,420.

4 How do you do this? That's -- oh, which one?  
5 Okay.

6 These crimes are largely driven by a high  
7 indigent population and the active local illegal drug  
8 market. Drug users often finance their habits by stealing  
9 and selling property, particularly motor vehicles and  
10 parts. These thefts play a high -- significant financial  
11 and emotional burden on victims, who are often left  
12 without reliable transportation, and are focused to absorb  
13 the cost of repairs, replacements, and increased insurance  
14 premiums.

15 The Robstown Police Department is requesting  
16 78,354 to help us with secure Robstown strategy, security  
17 from above. Our match would be 15,671, which is a total  
18 of \$94,025. Our mission will couple proactive policing  
19 strategies with I.S.R., Intelligence, Surveillance, and  
20 Recognizance Program, to proactively and reactively  
21 prevent crime, interdict crime, and solve crime.

22 We plan to use these funds to purchase five  
23 overt pan-tilt-zoom cameras, two covert cameras, and  
24 12 stationary Flock ALPRs to put throughout our cities  
25 where these criminals are passing through and committing

1 these crimes, which will help us, you know, proactively go  
2 after these suspects. Our dispatches and supervisors will  
3 monitor the overt and covert cameras 24-7, which will act  
4 as a force multiplier due to our shortness of manpower.  
5 This will help us reduce motor vehicle crimes,  
6 specifically catalytic convertor thefts with the Flock  
7 ALPR systems.

8 We do have social media. We do have community-  
9 oriented policing. We put everything on Facebook, and we  
10 are currently -- have MOUs with three agencies, and we're  
11 looking into adding two more agencies to our Criminal  
12 Interdiction Unit, which will be called the Coastal Bend  
13 Criminal Interdiction Unit.

14 Any questions?

15 MS. JONES: No, sir.

16 SGT GONZALEZ: Thanks.

17 MS. JONES: I can think of one.

18 (General laughter.)

19 MS. JONES: I can think of one.

20 Rockwall County? City of Rosebud and Round  
21 Rock.

22 MR. YOUNG: Good morning.

23 MS. JONES: Good morning, sir.

24 MR. YOUNG: I'm Detective Chad Young with the  
25 Rockwall County Sheriff's Office. I'm also a member of

1 the North Texas Auto Theft Task Force.

2 The purpose of us applying for this grant is,  
3 we serve several agencies within our county. It would be  
4 Rockwall County Sheriff's Office, obviously for the  
5 county, Rockwall Police Department, Royce City Police  
6 Department -- you already heard from Heath, DPS a while  
7 ago. And then of course, Texas Department of Public  
8 Safety are still in our area.

9 What we are asking for is to start a DFR  
10 program consisting of two drones. I'm not going through  
11 and read everything for y'all. We kind of talked about it  
12 several times through other agencies, for deterrence,  
13 search and rescue, searching for vehicles, surveillance,  
14 things of that nature.

15 The two that we are looking at, the cost of  
16 those is \$169,998. The next item we're looking at is  
17 three separate individual drones. The reason we're asking  
18 for those is because those can be deployed immediately on  
19 the scene, versus waiting for the call to come in and time  
20 to get there.

21 The deputies can be there and send them out  
22 right then. They can use them for special operations, at  
23 the big events that we have coming through, such as the  
24 Aspasians Fairs. We have the harbor that takes place. We  
25 have the mega church, Lakepointe, different big events

1 that come through Rockwall County and the city of  
2 Rockwall.

3 So we can use those drones for all different  
4 things of that nature. And the three individual drones  
5 are a total of \$42,000.

6 We are also asking for two vehicle trackers.  
7 We can use those to assist with further investigations of  
8 stolen vehicles, put on track and try to catch the actual  
9 bad guy, find out where they're going, see if there's more  
10 into the catalytic convertor theft. Is it a chop shop or  
11 other things like that.

12 We're looking at covert, and those are around  
13 \$14,130. I skipped -- the last thing we're asking for is,  
14 like a lot of other agencies, we're asking for license  
15 plate reader cameras through Flock. We're asking for 10  
16 of them, for the total of \$42,500.

17 The total for everything would be \$268,628.  
18 Our match would be \$44,771, which is -- what we're asking  
19 from the MVCPA is \$223,857.

20 With my dual role being with the Rockwall  
21 County Sheriff's Office as my main agency, and I'm also  
22 with the North Texas Auto Theft Task Force, we -- I tag in  
23 social media with them. So we do share social media on  
24 both sides of it, which expand, you know, auto theft  
25 prevention, catalytic convertor theft, and stuff like

1 that, through multiple things because of the different  
2 roles of that. At my agency, we do have a deputy that one  
3 of his roles is to go to the different events that I just  
4 mentioned a while ago and give speeches and talk to  
5 people.

6 I guess that concludes. Any questions?

7 MS. JONES: Any questions for Detective?

8 (No response.)

9 MS. JONES: No, sir.

10 MR. YOUNG: Thank you for your time.

11 MS. JONES: You're welcome.

12 Rosebud? City of Round Rock and the City of  
13 Sachse -- Sachse? Sachse.

14 MS. HUGHES: Is it on? Okay. I'm Kelly  
15 Hughes. I'm the grant coordinator for the City of  
16 Rosebud.

17 I'm here on behalf of the police department.  
18 We are requesting funds of \$27,300 from the grant to  
19 purchase five of the license plate readers and three of  
20 the solar video cameras that will go on our intersection  
21 Highway 77 and Main Street of town.

22 We're a rural community, small. We have three  
23 full-time officers. We have a population of 1,338, and we  
24 are very small.

25 With our crime rate right now, it's down, and

1 we don't have any catalytic convertor crimes, but we have  
2 a projected data -- a Google data center coming in within  
3 five miles from our city. And with increasing that,  
4 the -- we know crime is fixing to increase, and we cannot  
5 do this with just our three officers. To integrate  
6 everything together and to place on social media, we will  
7 do social media and our city website and stuff like that.

8 Our funds are automatically -- we have that  
9 secured already. Nothing will be coming out of pocket out  
10 of the city. Any questions?

11 (No response.)

12 MS. JONES: No, ma'am.

13 LT BAYLES: Good morning. My name is Darin  
14 Bayles. I'm a lieutenant with the Round Rock Police  
15 Department. I'm here to speak on behalf of the Regional  
16 Vehicle Burglary Suppression Task Force that our agency  
17 partnered with seven other agencies in Williamson County,  
18 and began late last year.

19 These agencies are obviously our agency, the  
20 Sheriff's Department of Williamson County, Cedar Park,  
21 Georgetown, Leander, Pflugerville, and Hutto, comprising  
22 of 23 officers working together for auto theft and  
23 vehicle-related crimes.

24 In 2024, we saw a peak, a little over 2,000  
25 vehicle burglaries in this region, nearly 600 vehicle



1 thefts, and 23 catalytic convertors. We are seeing a  
2 trend downward in '25, about a 30 to 35 percent drop in  
3 both vehicle crimes related to burglaries and thefts, and  
4 of course, catalytic convertor thefts are going down as  
5 well.

6 Since the inception of this Taskforce, we've  
7 been collaborating. We've worked three jugging  
8 operations, resulting in two arrests. We've worked two  
9 burglary operations, resulting in three arrests. Nearly  
10 40 guns stolen during that same period of time.

11 And we've done various training for our  
12 Taskforce group. We're requesting \$193,000 and --  
13 \$193,000 for support of the existing LPR camera network,  
14 which is bullet cameras and five fixed bullet cameras.  
15 This is going to provide us with some real-time  
16 intelligence to combat those vehicle crimes.

17 Additionally, \$205,000 to support the DFR  
18 program. This is year 2 for us in this MVCPA grant. This  
19 will add two additional radar nodes to our existing DFR  
20 program, providing that early detection and tracking of  
21 suspects, as well as \$87,000 to add 30 PTZ cameras to some  
22 of our intersections in the -- for the roadways in our  
23 metroplex area, which is north of Austin.

24 And then lastly, \$18,000 for some specialized  
25 training for 10 investigators to go to a variety of

1 training, to include TAVTI, this conference, and IATI. So  
2 a total of \$508,000 is being requested. You can see the  
3 cash match coming from the City of Round Rock at a little  
4 over \$101,000.

5 And then there's just a summary of the training  
6 and tools, the expanded aerial capabilities, and then  
7 sustaining the proven technology, which you've heard lots  
8 of presentations on regarding Flock. So seven agencies  
9 coming together. We're hoping to formalize this in the  
10 next month or so within our local agreements and really  
11 hit the ground running in Round Rock.

12 Any questions?

13 (No response.)

14 MS. JONES: No questions, sir. Let the record  
15 reflect that Committee member Tom Sloan is a member of the  
16 Round Rock Police Department, and he will have zero input  
17 in any decision pertaining to the grant process when it  
18 comes to the City of Round Rock.

19 LT BAYLES: All right. Thank you.

20 MS. JONES: Yes, sir.

21 City of Sachse. City of Sachse. I know I got  
22 it right. Right? Right?

23 CHIEF BAXTER: Hello. I'm Steven Baxter. I'm  
24 the Assistant Police Chief for the City of Sachse.

25 A little overview -- Sachse, as we have 39

1 sworn officers. It's 10 square miles situated between the  
2 cities of Garland, Rowlett, Richardson, Wylie, and Murphy,  
3 who we heard from just a minute ago.

4 Our resident population is around 32,000, and  
5 we have a daytime population estimated at 65,000. We have  
6 two main highways, Highway -- State Highway 78, that runs  
7 through our city, as well as President George Bush  
8 Turnpike, which also goes through our city.

9 So our 2024 economic motor vehicle theft impact  
10 for our community was just under \$445,000. That includes  
11 auto theft, burglary of vehicle, and theft of vehicle  
12 parts. Us, like many other agencies in 2024, had zero  
13 catalytic convertor thefts, but we're not naive to think  
14 that the criminals don't come into our city to help with  
15 networking.

16 What we're going to be asking for would help  
17 that, as well as knowing that it will be coming back.  
18 We're not naive to think that the criminals won't come  
19 back and start hitting our city as well. So what we're  
20 asking for, some investigative tools in the form of  
21 license plate readers to assist in case clearances as well  
22 as recoveries, also intelligence sharing. We already  
23 collaborate with our other agencies listed up there  
24 through intel meetings and through information sharing.

25 So what we are requesting is the lease of five

1 LPR cameras from Flock Safety. The total expenditure is  
2 19,450. The City of Sachse will match with 3,242, and  
3 we're requesting 16,208.

4 We anticipate the continuation of the program  
5 beyond the grant period, and what I'm saying about that is  
6 we're going to look at our own budget in the future to  
7 continue this program, going forward.

8 Is there any questions?

9 (No response.)

10 MS. JONES: No, sir. Thank you.

11 City of San Angelo? San Saba County and Sansom  
12 Park.

13 MR. CANNADY: Good morning. My name is Jeremy  
14 Cannady. I'm the commander for the Criminal Investigation  
15 Division for the San Angelo Police Department.

16 What our statistics up here will show is that  
17 we have not had any specific-only catalytic convertor  
18 grant -- or thefts in the last two years, but prior to  
19 that, in 2023, we had 43. And that was attributed to four  
20 different people, three from out of town and one in town.

21 And we were able to solve, I believe, three of those.

22 Approximately 10 percent of all of our crime is  
23 motor vehicle crime, including catalytic convertor theft.

24 What we have is 60 square miles in our city, and response  
25 times are a little bit slower than what we would want,

1 especially the in-progress crimes, which we've had  
2 catalytic convertor reported as in-progress crimes, as  
3 well as burglary of motor vehicles, UUMVs, and trailer  
4 thefts.

5 What we're asking for is training for some of  
6 our investigator positions, for two investigator positions  
7 that we are expecting, and then also for a Drone as First  
8 Responder. We are in the process of trying to develop a  
9 real-time crime center. We're in the early stages of  
10 that. We have a collateral drone team currently, and we  
11 have retired officers who are drone pilots who are willing  
12 to come back as part-time in order to fly the drone.

13 In addition to the 43 Flock ALPR cameras that  
14 we are expected to install within the next year, we have  
15 talked with Flock. Originally, in our proposal -- was for  
16 one DFR for a total project of 150,000, 125,000 in grant  
17 funds and 25,000 match. And through talking with them, we  
18 believe that we can get a better coverage with three  
19 alternate drones that are still Flock drones, that will  
20 cover about 90 percent of San Angelo at that point.

21 So we are requesting 125,000 for the Drones as  
22 First Responder, with a \$25,000 cash match, and then  
23 travel request of \$8,962 for conferences, training, and  
24 Board meetings and such throughout the year, with a cash  
25 match of \$1,793. Total expenditure for this year will be

1 160,755, and the total request is 133,962.

2 Questions?

3 (No response.)

4 MS. JONES: No questions, Commander. Thank  
5 you.

6 MR. CANNADY: Thank you.

7 CHIEF DEP DALY: Hello. I'm Chief --

8 MS. JONES: Hello.

9 CHIEF DEP DALY: -- Deputy Daly with the San  
10 Saba Sheriff's Office.

11 A little bit about San Saba, we're a very rural  
12 farm and ranch community. We have a total of seven  
13 commissioned officers that cover 1,300 square miles.

14 We have two major interstates that come through  
15 our county. One is 16. It starts in Laredo and goes all  
16 the way to Oklahoma. The other one is 190, and it goes  
17 from Houston almost all the way to El Paso.

18 Currently, last year, we had no catalytic  
19 convertor thefts. We recovered 14 stolen vehicles that  
20 were stolen from our county. And we've recovered multiple  
21 other vehicles out of Austin and everything.

22 What we're requesting is eight cameras put on  
23 our egress and ingress part of our county to help prevent  
24 catalytic convertor grants [sic] and vehicle thefts. That  
25 total grant comes out to 24,000, with a match of 4,000.

1 We're requesting \$20,000 for the purchase of those  
2 cameras.

3 We do have social media. We have Citizens  
4 Academy and Coffee with a Cop.

5 Do you have any questions for me?

6 (No response.)

7 MS. JONES: No, sir.

8 CHIEF DEP DALY: Thank you.

9 MS. JONES: Thank you.

10 CHIEF BURCHFIELD: Good morning.

11 MS. JONES: Good morning, sir.

12 CHIEF BURCHFIELD: This is our first time  
13 applying for -- I'm afraid we took the simple PowerPoint a  
14 little bit too literally, but anyway, Sansom Park is a  
15 small town of about 5,500 people.

16 MR. DIGGS: Excuse me, sir. Could you go ahead  
17 and identify yourself?

18 CHIEF BURCHFIELD: Oh, I'm sorry.

19 MR. DIGGS: And if all speakers would please be  
20 sure and identify yourself when you come up?

21 CHIEF BURCHFIELD: My name is James Burchfield.  
22 I'm the Chief of Sansom Park.

23 So as I was saying, Sansom Park is a small town  
24 of about 5,500. It's located right in the heart of  
25 Tarrant County, just a few miles up the road from here.

1 We're surrounded on two sides by the city of Ft. Worth,  
2 which makes us a small town with your average small town  
3 issues, and as far as hiring and retention -- but we have  
4 the same big city crime that Ft. Worth has. In addition  
5 to that, we also have Highway 199 that runs directly  
6 through our town that has approximately 26,000 cars  
7 running through there every day.

8 As far as crime issues, for the years '23 and  
9 '24, Sansom Park averages about two stolen vehicles a  
10 month. We've had no specifically catalytic convertor  
11 thefts, but we do have stolen vehicle and burglary of  
12 motor vehicle issues.

13 So far in 2025, we've already had 19 stolen  
14 vehicles, with six months left in the year. To address  
15 this, we're seeking assistance with funding six stationary  
16 LPR cameras. These will be added to the eight that we are  
17 currently using and funding through City funds.

18 In addition, we're seeking the funding to begin  
19 a Drone as a First Responder program. It is our hope that  
20 the DFR drone could be utilized as a deterrent, as a  
21 valuable tool for the apprehension of criminals and as an  
22 officer safety tool to keep our people safer.

23 Sansom Park Police Department works closely  
24 with numerous neighboring departments, several of which  
25 have already given presentations before this Board. Most,



1 if not all of them, utilize Flock cameras, as we do  
2 ourselves. In addition to -- in addition, we have already  
3 been in discussions with Ft. Worth Police Department RTCC  
4 TRIDENT Program, which many of the smaller agencies in the  
5 Tarrant County area are coming on board with, to utilize  
6 some of Ft. Worth's RTCC capacity.

7 As far as public awareness, the Sansom Park  
8 Police Department utilizes all the different social media  
9 platforms, as well as maintaining the City website. In  
10 addition, we have community events for National Night Out  
11 and back-to-school events, Christmas events, and the  
12 departmentally sponsored public meetings.

13 You can see my -- what I'm asking for, or I can  
14 go over it if you'll give me a little more time?

15 MS. JONES: Quickly, please.

16 CHIEF BURCHFIELD: I'm sorry?

17 MS. JONES: What you're requesting.

18 CHIEF BURCHFIELD: The project is -- has a  
19 total cost of 70,500. We're seeking 56,400 from MVCPA,  
20 and we'll be matching 14,100.

21 MS. JONES: Thank you. No questions.

22 Santa Clara?

23 SGT HALL: Good morning. My name is John Hall.  
24 I work for the Santa Clara Marshal's Office as a  
25 sergeant.

1           Is there a button for me to push for the  
2 slides? Okay. Perfect.

3           Our Department is very small. I get confused  
4 with California and then also Marshall, Texas. But we  
5 were established in 2020. Currently, we have been -- our  
6 funds have dropped.

7           We now have the Chief and myself that are  
8 responsible for the city, 13 reserves. Six of them are on  
9 patrol. We average 600 plus calls, different incidents,  
10 throughout the city, throughout the year.

11          We are -- I took sergeant position last year.  
12 We didn't have a very good recordkeeping process. I'm not  
13 saying I'm much better, but I can report that we've had at  
14 least one stolen vehicle recovery a year.

15          We don't have 24-7 patrol coverage. The county  
16 takes over, so I can't give you all the calls that we  
17 take, because we're not there at night. I shift my  
18 schedule depending on where we're needed.

19          If someone is saying, hey, we've got people  
20 passing the bus in the morning, then I've got to come in  
21 early. If we're doing DWI patrol, I come in late.

22          So that being said, we're located in between  
23 Austin and San Antonio, more specifically, New Braunfels,  
24 Cibolo, Seguin, all of which have Flock cameras installed.  
25 If we're awarded the grant, we want to install Flock

1 cameras also.

2 If you use Waze or Google, all the different  
3 map apps, they send you through Santa Clara. We are  
4 located between I-35 and I-10. We have approximately  
5 17-1/2 miles of through-traffic roadways.

6 So if you look up Santa Clara on the map and  
7 ask for the population, it's going to tell you we have 725  
8 people in our population. In our ETJ, we have over 4,000.  
9 Our city -- our annexation is basically the roadways.

10 So we have three residential developments that  
11 are in the works right now in our ETJ. Just saw a  
12 Facebook post yesterday talking about another 391 homes  
13 that is going to be projected in a week at the city  
14 council meeting. So we have a lot of traffic through.

15 We have been involved in taking down stolen  
16 vehicles and that have come through the area, but our plan  
17 for the funds that we're asking for is for 12 Flock  
18 cameras. That will catch the entrance to our city from  
19 all the different areas, coming from New Braunfels,  
20 Seguin, I-10, 35, Cibolo. After Cibolo -- after you  
21 travel through Santa Clara, you get to Cibolo, Schertz,  
22 Selma, Live Oak, Converse -- everybody that's been up here  
23 and probably some that are still going to go.

24 But our plan is to, I guess, just be a support  
25 to these other agencies so they can see what's happening

1 in their city, but what's happening -- or when they leave,  
2 where their routes they're taking, they're coming through  
3 Santa Clara, but we don't have proof of that. So we'd  
4 like to help be able to stop them and give data to all our  
5 neighboring agencies that we work with in detecting all  
6 these crimes.

7 So do y'all have any questions for me?

8 MR. JACKSON: Will the county be able to use  
9 any of that -- I'm sorry. Will the county be able to use  
10 any of this, the live data that's fed when you're not on  
11 duty?

12 SGT HALL: Yes. So I believe the theft guys,  
13 auto theft guys, have access to Flock. If not, then we'll  
14 make them log in. They can use ours.

15 We're not a part of any auto theft taskforces.

16 I know the guys I talk to with Comal and Guad County were  
17 in an auto theft taskforce, and they either disbanded or  
18 they left. So I'm going to work on -- when they get a new  
19 one, trying to get into that one, but the hope is that if  
20 they don't have access to Flock, which I believe they  
21 do -- I think Guad County has a couple.

22 I know Comal County has a couple, New  
23 Braunfels, everybody. They should be able to share all of  
24 our data.

25 MR. JACKSON: Thank you.

1 MS. JONES: No questions, sir.

2 SGT HALL: Okay. Thank you, ma'am.

3 MR. FAHNERT: Good morning, Board. Thank you  
4 so much for having me.

5 I'm Hank Fahnert. I'm the officer and the  
6 training coordinator for Schertz Police Department. And I  
7 just want to talk to y'all about our grant that we're  
8 requesting funds for.

9 So Schertz Police Department, 32 square miles  
10 within Bexar, Comal, and Guadalupe County. We have  
11 approximately 42,000 residents as of the last census. I  
12 expect those numbers to go upward, growing very quickly.

13 If y'all don't know about Schertz, we're  
14 stationed right between San Antonio and New Braunfels.  
15 And so we're right on that I-35 corridor where we have a  
16 lot of people traveling between the areas. We also go up  
17 to I-10 as well. And so we're right between two big  
18 thoroughfares.

19 We have 70 officers. We have 12 sergeants,  
20 four lieutenants, two assistant chiefs, and our Chief of  
21 Police, James Lowery.

22 In 2023, we had 11 instances of catalytic  
23 convertor theft. In 2024, we had four. This year so far,  
24 we've not had any. However, I expect those trends to  
25 eventually change with the changes in rare metal prices.

1           And we are not exempt from vehicle theft. We  
2       have had vehicle theft, and we have had extensive vehicle  
3       burglary issues.

4           What we're asking for is a renewal of the 17  
5       Flock cameras that we were awarded last year. We're in  
6       the process of getting those implemented still.  
7       Hopefully, with the stuff that TxDOT is doing with Flock,  
8       it should be a little bit better. And so we're excited  
9       about that.

10           We're asking for the renewal of those, for a  
11       total of \$162,000 on those, and we're -- I'm sorry -- and  
12       we're adding 24 new Flock cameras. So we're going to have  
13       41 cameras total throughout the city. Total cost for a  
14       Flock camera program is \$162,120.

15           Additionally, we're asking for a piece of  
16       equipment, a FLIR SkyWatch tower. What this would do is,  
17       this would give us the ability to put it into high-crime  
18       areas or potential for high-crime areas. If we have an  
19       area -- say, you know, a Walmart is getting hit really  
20       bad, we can put it up there.

21           It doesn't necessarily need to be manned all  
22       the time, but it creates that sense that it is. We can  
23       also use this in high potential of catalytic convertor  
24       theft areas, like our -- we have a Jubilee Festival every  
25       Fourth of July. We can put it out there and it can be a

1     deterrent. It can also be a very good tool for  
2     situational awareness.

3             And so the total for everything that we're  
4     asking for is 434,716. And we really appreciate  
5     everything, and I'll answer any questions that y'all have.

6             (No response.)

7             MS. JONES: No questions, sir.

8             MR. FAHNERT: Thank you so much.

9             MS. JONES: You're welcome.

10            City of Sealy? Seguin and Shelby County.

11            CHIEF GRIMES: Good morning. My name is  
12     Russell Grimes. I'm the Assistant Chief at Sealy Police  
13     Department. I'm here with Captain Riske.

14            MS. JONES: Good morning.

15            CHIEF GRIMES: The city of Sealy is located on  
16     Interstate 10 and State Highway 36. We are about 50 miles  
17     just west of Downtown Houston, 25 miles west of Katy,  
18     along the interstate corridor there. We see probably  
19     120,000 cars a day through our city on the interstate and  
20     another 30-, 40,000 on the state highway north and south,  
21     on State Highway 36.

22            We're about 13-1/2 square miles inside of our  
23     city, and we have a fast-growing population, lots of  
24     residential growth coming our way, moving westward from  
25     the city, a lot of commercial growth. We also have a

1     scrapyard and recycling center within our city. So in the  
2     past, we've seen some issues with catalytic convertors  
3     there.

4             I think we've got a handle on that, I hope.  
5     But nevertheless, we'll continue to stay on top of that.  
6     We've had several catalytic convertor thefts over the last  
7     few years, none reported this current year.

8             We've had several motor vehicle -- stolen motor  
9     vehicles and -- in and around our area. We've had other  
10    agencies that have their -- or a vehicle stolen in their  
11    agency has come through our town. Obviously, with I-10  
12    and the state highway, we're kind of a corridor.

13            Most of the crime that we see, we're a target  
14    for other people's criminals. With our outlying area and  
15    the ability for them to get in and out pretty quickly,  
16    they jump on the interstate and they come through. And  
17    they can get right back on and be gone within just a few  
18    minutes.

19            So having these Flock cameras and -- within our  
20    city are going to be a great addition to our Department,  
21    which we're staffed for 26. We're shorthanded, like  
22    everybody else. So we're running about two, maybe three  
23    officers at a time, at any given time. So this is going  
24    to help.

25            Last year, we applied for and received 10 -- or



1 approval for 10 cameras. Eight of those will be installed  
2 on state right-of-ways, so we're waiting on those permit  
3 approvals. But we have had two installed within the last  
4 month and a half.

5 Our access to the system has allowed us to  
6 investigate and solve many of our vehicle-related crimes,  
7 but also other related crimes. We've had robberies,  
8 several burglary of motor vehicle cases, and all of that  
9 has been made possible by us having access to this system,  
10 where we can chase our criminals a little bit further into  
11 the big city and develop leads, suspects, and ultimately  
12 make arrests and recover property.

13 This year, we're asking for a continuation from  
14 last year's grant for the 10 cameras, and for \$30,000, 25-  
15 from the grant, and 5- from matching funds.

16 MS. JONES: No questions, sir.

17 CHIEF GRIMES: Thank you very much.

18 MS. JONES: Thank you.

19 MR. CLENDENEN: Good morning.

20 MS. JONES: Good morning, sir.

21 MR. CLENDENEN: Detective Ethan Clendenen with  
22 Seguin Police Department. I'm in charge of our Auto  
23 Crimes Division. I say, division. It's just me that  
24 works auto crimes.

25 Get into it with the city of Seguin. So the

1 city of Seguin is situated just south of New Braunfels.  
2 We're between San Antonio and Austin, with I-10 being a  
3 corridor through the city of Seguin.

4 Right now, our population growth -- we are the  
5 11th largest growing city in the nation. Our expected  
6 growth by 2026 is to reach 50,000. Right now, we're  
7 sitting at about 40,000. We have a large manufacturer,  
8 corporations coming into the city, to include Caterpillar,  
9 Niagara.

10 With that being said, we've collaborated with  
11 Flock. We were awarded 11 cameras last go-round on the  
12 grant. We appreciate the grant funds that we received.  
13 We did run into some issues, such as other departments  
14 with TxDOT right-of-ways, but I said, thanks to Major  
15 Jones' help, we redistributed those cameras into the city,  
16 kept our permitting.

17 With those cameras -- I just looked up the  
18 stats last night -- for the month of June, the 11 cameras  
19 that we have had put out had already read over a million  
20 plates for just one month, and half of those, one million  
21 plates, are new plates. So they're not rereads.

22 So like I said, we went live in April 2025 with  
23 the first install. Also, in April, I attended the MVCPA  
24 Intermediate Crime -- or Intermediate Auto Theft  
25 Investigator course. Within a month of attending that

1 course, we were able to locate a VIN-swapped 2016 Corvette  
2 that had been stolen out of Hurtz PD. I coordinated with  
3 the Tarrant County Auto Theft Task Force and located the  
4 vehicle -- had been actually in New York and had a  
5 fraudulent Pennsylvania title for that vehicle.

6 So a little bit of stats for this last year,  
7 for the MVCPA grant that we received. 2024, we received  
8 27 stolen vehicle/catalytic convertor incidents. Of those  
9 cases, we recovered 21 vehicles, equipment, and trailer,  
10 with a total recovery value of \$594,000. That's a 77.78  
11 percent recovery rate for 2024.

12 As of June 2025, we have received 15 stolen  
13 catalytic convertor incidents, to include vehicles and  
14 equipment, and we have recovered 14 vehicles and trailers,  
15 with \$177,000 worth of recovery rate. And right now,  
16 we're sitting at an 87.5 recovery rate for the city of  
17 Seguin.

18 We're requesting a continuance of the grant  
19 that we already had with the 11 cameras. And then we are  
20 also requesting the implementation of 20 more cameras.  
21 That cost will be at \$73,000 for the total project, with a  
22 cash match for 12,000 and some change from us.

23 Now, we believe, with this, this will expand  
24 our reach for our Flock and help us continue to have that  
25 excellent recovery rate for vehicles and being able to

1 assist other jurisdictions. I did put a picture of my  
2 truck right here.

3 Just a little tidbit, I really am asking for a  
4 new truck, I know, if we can make an amendment to the  
5 deal. It's a 2014 with 160,000 miles, and this is our  
6 sole vehicle that we have for auto theft.

7 But I'm free to answer any questions, if you  
8 have any.

9 MS. JONES: So you intend to ask for a truck?  
10 It's not in here. Right?

11 MR. CLENDENEN: Yes, ma'am. We are going to  
12 price one out for 50,000, and it's just going to be an  
13 F150, a 2025. It's not going to be outfitted. It's just  
14 going to be used just strictly for auto crimes.

15 MS. JONES: Thank you, sir.

16 MR. CLENDENEN: All right. Thank you.

17 MS. JONES: Shelby County? Silsbee and Sinton.

18 CHIEF DEP HANSON: Good morning. My name is  
19 Mike Hanson, and I'm the Chief Deputy in Shelby -- with  
20 Shelby County Sheriff's Office.

21 The location of our county, we're right against  
22 the Louisiana border. You can also kind of see the makeup  
23 of our county. The red lines indicate the major roadways  
24 in our county. We've got two state highways and a US  
25 highway that intersect in the center, Center being the

1 county seat of the county, and goes back a long way, but  
2 there was a lot that went into that name being Center,  
3 because they forcibly moved all the records to the center  
4 of the county one time years and years ago.

5 All three of those roadways continue north and  
6 intersect with US highways on the north end of our county.

7 There at the top right, Highway 84 -- we're one of the  
8 only entrance points for about 60 miles down Toledo Bend  
9 Lake from the state of Louisiana, which that creates sort  
10 of a funnel for traffic coming across. From that point  
11 there, where 84 enters, Shreveport, Louisiana, is less  
12 than 50 miles to the northeast.

13 We currently have 19 officers in our  
14 Department. Our county population is 25,000. The City of  
15 Center encompasses about a quarter of that population.

16 What we're asking for is 12 Flock LPRs. We  
17 don't have any LPRs in our county, and we are new  
18 applicants to this process. Nine of those will be  
19 distributed throughout the county. We collaborated with  
20 our partners in Center Police Department to put three of  
21 them inside the city limits of Center at their discretion,  
22 locations.

23 Our number of catalytic convertors that we've  
24 had stolen in the last year was two. We've had none this  
25 year. If you start looking at the vehicle thefts, we've

1 had 19 last year, and I believe we're at seven right now,  
2 so far in '25.

3 The relationship that we have with DeSoto  
4 Parish, Louisiana Sheriff's Office is one that we've  
5 really worked and built on. A lot of criminals see the  
6 state line as kind of a new beginning for them at times,  
7 and we're trying to remove that through interlocal  
8 agreements and communication between the two departments.

9 Center is our retail hub of the county. That's  
10 where 99 percent of our -- you know, Walmart and our  
11 larger schools. A satellite college from Panola College  
12 to the north is located there, and we want to put those  
13 three cameras there to help that problem.

14 And we appreciate the opportunity to be in this  
15 process.

16 MS. JONES: No questions, sir.

17 CHIEF DEP HANSON: Thank you.

18 MR. HOLT: I'm Investigator Holt with the  
19 Silsbee Police Department. Let's see.

20 So Silsbee is actually -- it's got around 7,000  
21 population. Its neighboring and collaborating agencies  
22 are going to be Hardin County, Jasper County, City of  
23 Lumberton, and Kountze.

24 While our jurisdiction doesn't butt up directly  
25 to Jasper County, it's kind of unique, because there's

1     only like a little one-mile strip in between that kind of  
2     puts Hardin County in a kind of displacement for answering  
3     calls for service. So we'll usually be the agency that  
4     corresponds between Jasper County.

5             Silsbee is actually known as the -- let's  
6     see -- Silsbee is actually unique in the fact that we  
7     have -- for population, we have a high concentration of  
8     auto dealerships in our area. They market it as the  
9     Southeast Texas Car Capital, I believe. And also, we  
10    actually have a lot of fleet -- we have a large fleet  
11    installation group for the state. Most of the agencies,  
12    or a lot of agencies that we're recognizing here, we see  
13    those vehicles ship all throughout the state.

14            So what happens is, we're actually getting a  
15    problem with overflow. These groups have such a large  
16    inventory standing that they have no way of securing it.  
17    So they're literally poured out all over, honestly, state  
18    right-of-way.

19            They're on private businesses, leasing out from  
20    private individuals. They're on the side of the road.  
21    They're all in unsecure lots. And we have worked with  
22    this Department, in this private entity for a while in  
23    securing these vehicles, but at this point, they're  
24    unmanned. They span across three out of four of our  
25    districts, and they're very vulnerable to catalytic

1        convertor thefts.

2                We're also seeing -- we have 10 large  
3        dealerships, including Cadillac and higher-end. We're  
4        seeing an increase in fraud, vehicles purchased through  
5        fraud. A lot of these are recovered out of Houston.  
6        Tracking them all the way most of the time, honestly, 290  
7        and 610, and then they disappear from there.

8                So in -- since -- for our problem, since 2022,  
9        we had approximately 53 catalytic convertor thefts for  
10       reporting purposes, and also hundreds of thousands of  
11       vehicle-related loss, which included some, like, battery,  
12       criminal mischief, wheels and rims, et cetera. We have a  
13       lot of out-of-town suspects that target our city because  
14       of its high concentration of vehicle inventory, and then  
15       they disappear.

16               Neighboring agencies are incorporating Flock,  
17       as we -- as it stands. We actually utilized it the other  
18       day. I was dispatched to a live aggravated robbery with  
19       UUMV, and based on their Flock cameras, I was able to  
20       narrow down the search, because obviously, they didn't go  
21       south, because they didn't ping off of any of our Flock  
22       cameras.

23               So I was able to respond actually to Jasper  
24       County's jurisdiction, where they didn't have a lot of  
25       manpower, and we found the vehicle and was able to



1 recover.

2 We're asking for 30 -- we're asking for 15  
3 cameras, nine LPRs, two standalone PTZ, and one  
4 intersection package, for a total cost of \$39,750, with  
5 the city cash match of \$6,625.

6 MS. JONES: Perfect, sir. Thank you.

7 MR. HOLT: Thank you.

8 MS. JONES: After Sinton, Smith County.

9 CHIEF BLANCHARD: All right. Thank you, Board.  
10 My name is Eric Blanchard. I'm the newest appointed  
11 police chief to the City of Sinton, and this is going to  
12 be the first time that the City has put out for this  
13 grant.

14 City of Sinton is the county seat of San  
15 Patricio County. Our population is about five and a half  
16 thousand. We sit on four square miles.

17 We are growing. We've got a new housing  
18 development coming in on one side and another one starting  
19 on the other side of town. And we are actively annexing  
20 more land into our jurisdiction.

21 Currently, we have 12 officers. And I  
22 apologize for my slides. After learning -- thank God, I'm  
23 an [inaudible] -- I've learned a lot. I will be more  
24 prepared for you all next time on slides.

25 But we have 12 officers, two administrative,

1 one college intern that works for us. We have Highway 77  
2 or the new US Highway 69 that runs through our  
3 jurisdiction, and State Highway 89, and a major rail  
4 crossing as well.

5 We see about 76,000 vehicles that pass along  
6 these routes every year. We have a steel plant, Steel  
7 Dynamics, just outside of town. They actually receive  
8 what comes from the salvage yards, and they re-purpose  
9 that steel into pipe.

10 And we have two salvage yards as well in our  
11 area that receive stolen properties. In fact, we  
12 recovered a stolen car all chopped up at one of those  
13 facilities. We also received a firearm from the steel  
14 plant when they got a dump of stuff.

15 So what are seeking and why? We have had a  
16 couple of catalytic convertor thefts over the years, last  
17 four years. We haven't had anything more recent.

18 We've had people casing or going to locations,  
19 asking if people would sell their catalytic convertor from  
20 their vehicle. We kind of feel that's casing.

21 So what we're kind of asking for is 221,000,  
22 with a 20 percent match, and in the order of priority that  
23 we're seeking, nine Axon Fleet cameras with LPR. I've had  
24 experience at my previous agency, where I was chief, with  
25 those. They're an invaluable, vital tool.

1           We also want Flock cameras. I was an early  
2     adopter of that at my prior agency. We solved things from  
3     capital murder and recovered many stolen vehicles.

4           And we want to strategically share these around  
5     town, and -- or position them around town, but we also  
6     will share them with the network of Flock openly, without  
7     any hesitation. We're also seeking a sign board which  
8     will allow us to put up awareness information and stuff  
9     like that to the public, which we will also put an LPR  
10    camera on, to strategically place it in locations with  
11    problems. One drone for response, search, apprehension,  
12    and recovery.

13          We'd like to get some overtime to handle some  
14    of these special ops, and also to do -- or help in some  
15    expanded awareness campaigns for vehicle theft, burglary,  
16    stuff like that, just like some of the other agencies are  
17    doing.

18          And lastly, training. I would like to get my  
19    staff better trained in some of these areas when it  
20    pertains to motor vehicle theft, recovery, and prevention.

21          We already collaborate with San Patricio County  
22    Sheriff's Office with an MOU. We're part of the Coastal  
23    Bend Police Chiefs Association. We regularly collaborate  
24    amongst the Coastal Bend. We have about 30 members of  
25    that organization, and we work closely together regularly.

1 MS. JONES: Thank you, Chief. You mentioned  
2 the sign board.

3 CHIEF BLANCHARD: Yes, ma'am.

4 MS. JONES: Is that associated with the public  
5 outreach?

6 CHIEF BLANCHARD: Yes, we would use that as  
7 public outreach and awareness and also couple it with an  
8 LPR camera on the back of it.

9 MS. JONES: Okay. And then you have on the  
10 personnel, chief of police?

11 CHIEF BLANCHARD: Yeah. I was a little  
12 confused. I had reached out to Earl on the match. So  
13 we're already budgeting for a cash match, but with  
14 personnel, I thought that with in-kind, some of the staff  
15 work would qualify for the in-kind to go towards that  
16 match. If not, we are budgeting funds for the cash match,  
17 as well.

18 If I need to make modifications, I'm happy to  
19 do so.

20 MR. DIGGS: Chief, good morning.

21 CHIEF BLANCHARD: Good morning, sir.

22 MR. DIGGS: So can you tell me, like when it  
23 comes to -- it mentions administrative support, and I  
24 guess this would be like an executive assistant for you as  
25 the Chief. Would this administrative person -- would this

1 person -- would they work specifically on the grant and  
2 support the grant in the efforts towards catalytic  
3 convertor theft and prevention? Or how -- or what exactly  
4 would this person do?

5 CHIEF BLANCHARD: Yes. So I'm not actually  
6 asking to add staff. I think that's where maybe some of  
7 my confusion came into play on this.

8 I thought that the current staff who would be  
9 helping administer the grants, the reporting, keeping  
10 statistical measures, and organization, that would be an  
11 in-kind match, and they would be -- and that's what I had  
12 estimated on the in-kind aspect.

13 MR. DIGGS: Okay. And so you're saying that  
14 this person would work -- just under 20 percent of their  
15 time would be -- about 17 percent of their time would be  
16 towards working on the grant?

17 CHIEF BLANCHARD: On -- yes. The grant and the  
18 things that result from that grant.

19 MR. DIGGS: Okay.

20 CHIEF BLANCHARD: Correct.

21 MR. DIGGS: All right. Thank you.

22 CHIEF BLANCHARD: Thank you.

23 MS. JONES: That's it, sir. Thank you.

24 CHIEF BLANCHARD: Thank you, ma'am.

25 LT RICHBOURG: Good morning. Kenneth

1 Richbourg, Task Force Commander for the Smith County East  
2 Texas Auto Theft Task Force.

3 We have four Taskforce investigators that also  
4 investigate catalytic convertor crimes, and within our 11-  
5 county coverage area.

6 The funds that we are asking for will be used  
7 to maintain a vehicle purchased previously under the  
8 SB224, to maintain an engraver that we're in the process  
9 of purchasing now for catalytic convertors, to contract  
10 with Flock for six LPR cameras. These are mobile cameras,  
11 solar-powered, that we could move to targeted areas,  
12 hotspots, whatnot. The cities have their own, so we  
13 thought it would be better to have some that we can move  
14 and place wherever we want to.

15 We also do business in metal recycling  
16 inspections, and we will continue to collaborate with DPS,  
17 their regulatory and our local environmental officers, to  
18 do inspections for metal recyclers and those businesses  
19 associated with catalytic convertors. And over the last  
20 year, you can see that they've fallen a little bit in  
21 transactions in our area, but we do have several areas  
22 within our reach that do perform recycling and the sale of  
23 catalytic convertors.

24 So we are asking for 29,500 from MVCPA, with a  
25 cash match of 5,900, with a total of \$35,400.

1 MS. JONES: No questions, sir.

2 LT RICHBOURG: Thank you.

3 MS. JONES: Somervell, thank you for being up  
4 and ready.

5 SHERIFF WEST: Ma'am, gentlemen, thank y'all  
6 for letting us be here today on the convertor theft  
7 detection and apprehension of this.

8 Somervell County lies on 67. We're the second  
9 smallest county in Texas. We have 54 of us -- I'm sorry,  
10 excuse me, dyslexic kicked in -- 45 of us. We cover 192  
11 square miles.

12 Glen Rose is the only city in Somervell County.  
13 We still cover approximately 90 percent plus of  
14 everything that goes on. We do have a chief of police and  
15 one officer underneath him. We're 24-hour coverage, 12  
16 patrol, five SROs, four investigators, part-time  
17 lieutenant, chief deputy, and myself.

18 And I don't know if I told you a minute ago,  
19 Sheriff Alan West.

20 MS. JONES: Thank you. I was waiting.

21 SHERIFF WEST: I apologize for skipping that.

22 So we do have MOUs with all of our surrounding  
23 counties. In the grant itself, we show zero, but prior to  
24 that grant, we've had numerous catalytic convertor thefts,  
25 vehicle thefts, and all the things that come with that.

1           We have, in the last year, arrested some that  
2   have tools for the cutting of this information -- of this  
3   stuff, and we have them in jail on burglary of motor  
4   vehicle or stolen vehicles and that kind of stuff. So  
5   everything that goes around that, we are there. We just  
6   haven't had the numbers to actually show it.

7           Big social media. I am the spokesperson for  
8   basically everything that goes on in our community,  
9   whether it be school events, county events, speaking with  
10   our partners. And so we've just started a Sheriff Posse.

11   So we're looking forward to that bringing in all the  
12   different precincts and getting the information out to  
13   respective neighborhoods.

14           Our patrol works heavily with our neighboring  
15   counties that have the camera systems, and have helped us  
16   find stolen vehicles that have been in our county the last  
17   few months. Recently, in the last five months, we have a  
18   street take-over group that's coming in. A lot of things  
19   that are in these vehicles are stolen Mopar equipment.

20           They're trying to purchase some property in our  
21   community. 2,000 people came the very first time.

22           We're having DPS cooperation. The  
23   Comptroller's trying to help us slow down some of these  
24   issues.

25           We're asking for seven cameras and a trailer.



1     Why I bring up that street takeover group coming out to  
2     our facility is, that will -- that trailer will help us  
3     get some eyes in the skies to watch that area. It's on  
4     private property with a closed gate, and all the things  
5     that lead to and from, guns, drugs, is happening.

6             The first weekend they had, there was 2,000  
7     people there. We had well over nine arrests. The second  
8     time, about 800 people come. We had over 15 or 16  
9     arrests.

10            MS. JONES: Sir, the trailer will be used to  
11     combat catalytic theft?

12            SHERIFF WEST: Catalytic theft, prevention, and  
13     anything else that could come with those items. You know,  
14     property crime is dear to many people. You know --

15            MS. JONES: Yes, sir.

16            SHERIFF WEST: -- drugs and all that is one  
17     thing, but property crime, that's their earnings.

18            MS. JONES: Yes, sir.

19            SHERIFF WEST: So that's why we're here today.

20            MS. JONES: Thank you, sir.

21            SHERIFF WEST: Thank y'all.

22            MS. JONES: Sugar Land? Temple and the City of  
23     Colony.

24            LT HUANG: Thank you. Whoever created the  
25     PowerPoint, they used the not MVCPA information.

1       Anyway --

2                   MS. JONES:  Someone didn't listen.

3                   LT HUANG:  Can we turn the volume down on that?

4       I don't know how -- I meant to fix that.  Perfect.

5                   Thank you.  Anyways, good morning.  My name is  
6       Jesse Huang.  I'm a Lieutenant with the Sugar Land Police  
7       Department.

8                   Is it this green button right here?  There we  
9       are.

10                  So the city of Sugar Land is about 42 square  
11       miles.  We have about 110,000 people.  We have Highway 6,  
12       US 59, Highway 90 that intersect in our city.  We also  
13       border Southwest Houston.

14                  With that said, it means we get all of the  
15       motor vehicle crimes and issues that Houston deals with,  
16       just slightly -- in a slightly smaller scale.  We're  
17       frequently named one of the safest cities in Texas because  
18       of our efforts, but also because of our partnerships with  
19       our surrounding agencies and our community.

20                  We have, as our police department, a full-time  
21       public information officer, and he's responsible for  
22       managing all of our social media content.  So he does a  
23       great job with that, interacting with our community and  
24       being transparent.

25                  We also have a very good crime prevention team.

1       They are very available to our residents. They attend  
2 all of our HOA meetings. They're also known for what we  
3 call the Super Bowl of Crime Prevention, which is National  
4 Night Out for us.

5               They partner with our fire department to ensure  
6 that our residents -- all the ones who have block parties,  
7 who request a first responder, that we try to meet that  
8 request.

9               We have a crime suppression unit, three  
10 officers and a sergeant, and they work closely with  
11 Houston, Harris County, and the Sheriff's Office within  
12 our county, Fort Bend County, to combat catalytic  
13 convertor theft, burglaries of motor vehicle, auto thefts,  
14 things of that nature. I currently -- or we currently  
15 have about 170 Flock cameras. My fleet of about 65 patrol  
16 cars also all have Axon LPRs.

17              We have a very active drone team. We're adding  
18 a DFR this year, but more importantly, I'm excited --  
19 we're excited about the Fusus real-time crime center. For  
20 that to be successful for us, we need to have buy-in with  
21 our community, because us just having our own cameras is  
22 great, but we want to have shared cameras with our  
23 community.

24              We understand that not all of our business  
25 owners -- they're small business owners -- may not have

1 the funds to purchase the hardware that allows their  
2 camera systems to work and tie into our real-time crime  
3 center. So we're asking for \$50,000 to purchase this.  
4 They're called core units, that allow our small business  
5 owners who may not have the funding, to work with our  
6 crime center.

7 Also, we have two older camera trailers. They  
8 have outdated cameras. Because of that, they've been out  
9 of service for a few years.

10 Being out of service, the batteries for the  
11 solar units, they need replacements. Tires need  
12 replacements. The generators need replacements.

13 But more importantly, the cameras are outdated.

14 So we're looking to replace those with current and new  
15 technology of LPR cameras that we can deploy at any  
16 hotspots we have that we want to work with, combating  
17 catalytic convertor thefts and auto thefts. And we can  
18 also put it at a lot of our large scale events, like our  
19 Fourth of July events and ballgames and things like that.

20 Thank you very much for your time.

21 MR. DIGGS: Good morning, sir. Lieutenant, can  
22 you tell me, on the core bundles, is your understanding  
23 that it allows for the business owners to share their  
24 information and their data with law enforcement and not  
25 the opposite direction? Is that accurate?

1 LT HUANG: Yes, sir. So if a gas station owner  
2 has a decent amount of security cameras, it allows us to  
3 actually, real-time, tap into their security systems.  
4 That way, we can respond.

5 MR. DIGGS: Thank you.

6 LT HUANG: Yes, sir. Thank you.

7 MS. JONES: Lieutenant, tell me exactly what's  
8 in the core bundle.

9 LT HUANG: Not being a tech person, what it is,  
10 is it's -- I just understand it as hardware that links  
11 into their camera systems using -- I think it's like  
12 ethernet or over-the-air technology that links it. So  
13 depending on the size of their security system, it depends  
14 on how pricey or how large that equipment is.

15 MS. JONES: You're using core bundles to --  
16 what's the usage of the core bundles? What are you using  
17 it for?

18 LT HUANG: So if, say, a small business owner  
19 has a camera system, it allows our real-time crime center  
20 to actually tap into their camera systems.

21 MS. JONES: So these are for the citizens or  
22 business, so --

23 LT HUANG: Citizens who want to have buy-in and  
24 participate in our real-time crime center.

25 MS. JONES: So they're not for the police

1 department. You want these to give to businesses?

2 LT HUANG: For the ones that may not have the  
3 funding for it. That way we can get participation with  
4 our community as well.

5 MS. JONES: Okay. Thank you, sir.

6 LT HUANG: Thank you.

7 (Pause.)

8 MR. TREHERN: Good morning.

9 MS. JONES: Okay. Pardon us, sir.

10 MR. TREHERN: Oh, no problem.

11 MS. JONES: Go ahead.

12 MR. TREHERN: Good morning. My name's Mike  
13 Trehern. I'm here on behalf of Temple Police Department.

14 Thank you for having us, and I want to  
15 personally thank you as well for your FY '25 commitment to  
16 Temple Police Department. I think you'll see from some of  
17 our statistics here that it's been very useful for us in  
18 the city in helping making it a safer place.

19 So a little bit about the city of Temple. We  
20 consider ourselves an equal opportunity target from  
21 Houston, Dallas, Waco, Killeen, Austin. They're coming  
22 from everywhere, but I do want to give a special shout-out  
23 to Dallas, because I think they're leading the way this  
24 year, as far as our crimes are concerned.

25 We have 160 sworn officers currently on staff,

1 44 civilians supporting.

2 Temple sits at several major corridors  
3 particularly I-35 and I-14, where they come together. We  
4 also have several state and US highways. We're also  
5 uniquely positioned at the intersection of the BNSF  
6 Railroad and the Union Pacific Railroad. So we have a lot  
7 of rail conveyance comes and passes through Temple as  
8 well.

9 So touching on some statistics real quick. So  
10 we're pretty proud of this, but catalytic convertor  
11 thefts, we've only had two reported this year. We do know  
12 that there's more going on in the community.

13 We've seen some social media comments that it's  
14 happening more than we know about, but only two reported.

15 Regardless, those numbers are down 50 percent from last  
16 year.

17 UUMV incidents, down 31 percent, year-to-date.

18 I'm also pleased to report, we have -- out of the 112  
19 that we've had stolen, by the time I wrote this, we've  
20 recovered 102, so 91 percent recovery rate on that. And  
21 we attribute a lot of that to the technology that we have  
22 put in place across the city. Also we have a 97 percent  
23 decrease, year-to-date, in burglaries from motor vehicles,  
24 also largely attributed to technology and investments.

25 So what are we asking for? We're asking for a

1 total of \$875,029 from the Committee, with the city  
2 matching \$175,006.

3 What that's going to be used for -- we did get  
4 66 cameras under FY '25 MVCPA funds. So we would like to  
5 fund that for the second year. That would be 164,000 of  
6 it. We would also like to expand and add 50 more LPR  
7 cameras throughout and across the city.

8 The largest portion of this, though -- we'd  
9 like to implement a DFR program. So this would be three  
10 units, basically what you can see on the map there. With  
11 the three units, we're going to be able to cover about 95  
12 to 98 percent of our jurisdiction with that.

13 Some other things that we want to invest in.  
14 We want to increase the number of pole cameras that we  
15 have. We're going to try to expand that by nine.

16 We have a Berla iVe system, and we'd like to  
17 see our crime scene investigators to all be trained on how  
18 to use that. So that would be four personnel going to  
19 training.

20 We would like to upgrade some computers for our  
21 analyst section, if we're running some of the advanced  
22 software that we have. And then with the DFR program, we  
23 would also need to add computers and monitors for the  
24 DFRs. And then you will see the final thing would be a  
25 subscription for Cellebrite Guardian.



1                   So pending your questions, that's all I have.

2                   Sure.

3                   MR. DIGGS:   Good morning.

4                   MR. TREHERN:  Yes, sir?

5                   MR. DIGGS:   So I did notice, on your line  
6                   items, in your -- inside GMTS, it shows Drone as First  
7                   Responder for your DFR.  It shows one.  Can you make sure?  
8                   Because I thought I heard you said three.

9                   MR. TREHERN:  Yes, sir.  That's --

10                  MR. DIGGS:   So --

11                  MR. TREHERN:  -- my mistake.  Yep.

12                  MR. DIGGS:   Yeah.  My staff will work with you.  
13                  We need to be sure and update it, because I thought the  
14                  dollar amount was a little pricey --

15                  MR. TREHERN:  Sure.

16                  MR. DIGGS:   -- for one.  So --

17                  MR. TREHERN:  Yeah.  I wrote it --

18                  MR. DIGGS:   -- thank you.

19                  MR. TREHERN:  -- as one contract --

20                  MR. DIGGS:   Yeah.

21                  MR. TREHERN:  -- instead of three individual  
22                  units.

23                  MR. DIGGS:   Got you.

24                  MR. TREHERN:  Yes, sir.

25                  MR. DIGGS:   Thank you.

1 MR. TREHERN: Yes, sir. Any questions?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. TREHERN: Thank you.

4 LT BAKER: This is a presentation that you've  
5 been waiting -- actually, it's not. Zavala County is the  
6 one, I think, we're all waiting on, being it's last.

7 So good morning. I'm Brian Baker. I'm a  
8 Lieutenant with The Colony Police Department.

9 What we're asking for is to begin a DFR  
10 program. So we're asking for \$125,000 for the DFR  
11 program. And then we'll have the \$25,000 match.

12 A little bit about us, if you're not familiar  
13 with The Colony, we're tucked right there in the middle of  
14 Plano, Frisco, Lewisville, and Carrollton, right there on  
15 Highway 121. And so our big draw is the Grandscape retail  
16 and entertainment district. It's a 433-acre area that  
17 brings in about -- between 30,000 and 80,000 people,  
18 depending on the day.

19 So while catalytic convertor thefts are down in  
20 our city, the threat still remains. As everybody else  
21 keeps coming up here -- keeps talking about is, it's still  
22 an ongoing issue, an ongoing threat. But proactive  
23 policing and targeted enforcement, I believe, is what's  
24 been the big help to -- in our city. Well -- yeah.

25 Let's just get going. The DFR plan is we're

1 planning on purchasing the Flock Aerodome Drone, so it can  
2 provide us with the -- well, it complements our Flock  
3 cameras that we currently have. We have 10. We currently  
4 have 10 LPRs.

5 We have 11 being in process of being installed,  
6 and we have 17 in the Grandscape district itself, that  
7 Grandscape has. This is -- of course, we'll work with  
8 that to help us out.

9 Let's see here. Proactive enforcement,  
10 proactive engagement with the community. Strong -- we  
11 have a strong social media presence. We have a community  
12 resource officer program that conducts multiple citizen  
13 police academies in Spanish and in English each year, a  
14 teen academy, and we have all those other sorts of things.

15 So this is what we're asking for, is the  
16 125,000 for the project.

17 MS. JONES: Sir, how many cameras are you  
18 asking for?

19 LT BAKER: We're asking for zero cameras, but  
20 we're asking for the one --

21 MS. JONES: Okay.

22 LT BAKER: -- drone. Yeah.

23 MS. JONES: One -- so one drone?

24 LT BAKER: Yes, ma'am.

25 MS. JONES: Okay. Thank you, sir.

1 Tom Green, you're ready. I like it.

2 Trinity County will be after.

3 CAPT LOCKLAR: Good morning. My name is  
4 Burleigh Locklar. I'm with Tom Green County Sheriff's  
5 Office. I'm here representing Sheriff Nick Hanna.

6 How do I advance this? Let's see. There's our  
7 stats for thefts for the last couple of years, for 2023  
8 and 2024.

9 You can see we've -- us with the City, we've  
10 been pretty busy. In addition to that, over the last  
11 couple of years, our CID guys at the county worked a  
12 couple of pretty good theft rings, including one building  
13 contractor who stole everything he used to run his company  
14 and altered the identity on those vehicles.

15 That's your MVCPA map that shows your  
16 taskforces around the state. That blue dot is San Angelo,  
17 Tom Green County. And hopefully, with y'all's help, we  
18 can turn that dot red.

19 Our agency has six CID investigators. None of  
20 those specialize in auto theft.

21 We have a population of about 119,000 in the  
22 county, which about 23,000 of that is in the 11  
23 unincorporated communities around the county.

24 So we're asking for funding for a vehicle  
25 investigator. So salary and fringe for the investigator

1 would be 82,039. We're asking for some travel and  
2 training money for 4,167.

3 Vehicle would be 67,665. That will include up-  
4 fitting, a radio and a computer for the investigator.  
5 Office supplies and operating equipment of 2,791, for a  
6 total of 156,662, and which the county would match a  
7 little over 31,000 to get that 20 percent match.

8 I'm missing stuff here. Ah, there we go. This  
9 is what we want to see. This is the results that we're  
10 looking for.

11 We want to increase our stolen vehicle recovery  
12 rates. We want faster resolution to our cases. We want  
13 better prosecution through better investigation, and  
14 visibility and deterrence with technology and dedicated  
15 enforcement. We plan to work hand-in-hand with SAPD. Our  
16 sheriff and the police chief are definitely together on  
17 focusing on auto theft.

18 Major Jones, I know you've asked a lot about  
19 social media and community outreach. We've got a plan for  
20 that.

21 We've got an active Sheriff's Office Facebook  
22 page. We also do a lot of public service announcements  
23 through television and radio. We plan to incorporate the  
24 educating the public about catalytic convertor theft and  
25 vehicle theft through those means.

1           Also, we do a lot of community outreach  
2 programs, including National Night Out. We have a fall  
3 festival that the Sheriff's Office puts on every October,  
4 Blue Santa programs, Special Olympics programs. So we're  
5 actively involved in the community. And we're going to  
6 incorporate education about auto theft and catalytic  
7 convertor theft into those programs.

8           So thank you for your time.

9           MS. JONES: I like your social media campaign.  
10          That's all, sir. Thank you.

11          CAPT LOCKLAR: Okay. Thank you very much.

12          MS. JONES: Trinity County? Then Universal  
13 City.

14          Trinity? Oh, there you go. There you are,  
15 ma'am.

16          And then after Universal City is the University  
17 of St. Thomas.

18          Yes, ma'am. No, ma'am. If it's green, it's  
19 good.

20          Green means go on this -- there you go.  
21 Perfect.

22          MS. BRANCH: All right. Good afternoon. My  
23 name is Vicki Branch, and I'm with Trinity County. I'm  
24 the grant administrator.

25          So some of the things that I want to make sure

1 that you know about Trinity County -- we do cover 700  
2 square miles. 105 miles are within the U.S. Forestry. We  
3 do have major corridors that run beside us, I-45 and I-59.

4 And Trinity County lies in an area where it's very easy  
5 to slip off those side roads, hit 287, which runs from  
6 south to the north, all the way up to Montana, and we have  
7 41 miles that -- I mean, 49 miles of US 287 lies in  
8 Trinity County.

9 We have 17 officers in Trinity County, and we  
10 do cover the whole county. Trinity City has their own  
11 police department, but we still serve before and after.  
12 And Highway 19 is the major highway that also runs from --  
13 up through Walker County. You can get off and come all  
14 the way up into Angelina.

15 So I've heard a lot of the surrounding counties  
16 talk about how they veer off. And they do. They come  
17 right through Trinity County as well.

18 So one of the things that we're wanting to do  
19 is the technology element and is a resource for Trinity  
20 County. Right now, there -- we have had three identified  
21 cases of catalytic convertor thefts.

22 There's over 13,000 people in our county,  
23 county-wide, but we have added two new subdivisions. A  
24 new trailer park has come into town, and we have massive  
25 amounts of land that have come up for sale, large, large

1 plots of land that have gone up for sale. So the city has  
2 started moving into the country. And because of this, we  
3 do lack resources to monitor all of the critical elements  
4 and access points.

5 I was pleased to hear that we are collaborating  
6 with Montgomery County and their taskforce. And so these  
7 cameras are going to help provide better eyes on our  
8 county, for the catalytic, for the vehicle thefts. We  
9 also do a lot with tractor thefts and boat thefts, because  
10 we have so many waterways in Trinity County.

11 We would like to provide our officers with a  
12 quick response to be able to track that stolen vehicles  
13 and our surrounding counties in an effort to coordinate  
14 and decrease catalytic convertors.

15 We do have a robust social media system. Our  
16 county has a webpage. Our sheriff department has a  
17 Facebook and our county also has a Facebook.

18 They have a monthly sheriff's meeting in  
19 Trinity County, where the sheriff provides a breakfast for  
20 the county, and everybody who wants to can come and attend  
21 it. We provide National Night Out -- is the very big  
22 participant of that. We also participate in the fishing  
23 tournament that is put on by Texas Department of Wildlife  
24 and Fishery, and we participate in the youth as well.

25 MS. JONES: Thank you, ma'am.



1 MS. BRANCH: Thank you.

2 MS. JONES: Universal City?

3 MS. OLINICK: Good morning. My name is  
4 Jennifer Olinick. I'm with Universal City as a technical  
5 services manager.

6 I'm here to ask you for your continued support  
7 and award us with \$45,642, and our match is going to be  
8 9,128, for a total of \$54,770. And that's going to be to  
9 cover our annual subscription and contract fees for Flock  
10 and Axon that you awarded us last year that we used.

11 Real briefly, this is our city here. It's led  
12 by Chief Johnny Siemens and Assistant Chief Steve  
13 Mihalski. As of last week, we have 27 sworn officers and  
14 13 civilian.

15 We are a growing population of 20,000. We have  
16 two new apartment complexes that are being built and a  
17 Chick-fil-A. We also have about 1,500 military that we  
18 assist with from Randolph. Our corridor is 35, 1604, FM  
19 78, so easy entry and exit for the criminals.

20 Being awarded the SB224 last year, we were able  
21 to contract with Flock for 12 cameras that were placed  
22 strategically through the city, as well as equipped all of  
23 our patrol units with Axon.

24 These are just some statistics from the last  
25 six months. We did have our catalytic convertors go from

1 two to zero.

2 We recovered seven stolen vehicles. One of  
3 them was within 15 minutes of reporting it. That led to  
4 four arrests and taking narcotics off of the streets.

5 We also assist our neighboring agencies with  
6 timely investigative information. As far as community,  
7 when we first installed these, October, November, we had a  
8 lot of issues with citizens. So our chief reached out to  
9 the news.

10 We did a little -- hey, this is what Flock is.

11 This is where they're at. We also have our PD page on  
12 Facebook. We have our City page. They do stuff.

13 National Night Out, as everyone said. We have  
14 our CPA, breakfast pancake -- or pancake breakfast four  
15 times a year with the citizens, as well as a lot of  
16 different things with the kids and families throughout the  
17 year.

18 Do you have any questions?

19 (No response.)

20 MS. JONES: No, ma'am. Thank you.

21 MS. OLINICK: A little bit better this year.

22 MS. JONES: Excellent job this year.

23 Hello, sir.

24 CHIEF JENKINS: Hello. Thank y'all for  
25 allowing us to be here and to do this presentation.

1 I'm just going to start out by just making this  
2 very easy for you. We're in the city of Houston. We're  
3 in Harris County, so you know, we need all the help we can  
4 get at this point.

5 But we're in the heart of downtown Houston. We  
6 have many city streets that run through our campus, but we  
7 also have streets that run around it, and what --

8 MS. JONES: Sir, please identify yourself.

9 CHIEF JENKINS: Oh, sorry. Chief H.E. Jenkins  
10 with the University of St. Thomas. Sorry about that.

11 We have 10 police officers, but we have several  
12 cities that -- city streets that run through our  
13 university, but also around our university. And if you  
14 know anything about the Houston area, we are on the corner  
15 of Richmond and Montrose, which are two major  
16 intersections for the city of Houston.

17 And what we plan to do is -- let me reopen  
18 that. Sorry. Closed on me.

19 What we're asking for is 10 LPR cameras, four  
20 PTZ cameras, and one DFR, all in an effort to prevent and  
21 detect any people that are doing catalytic convertor theft  
22 in that area. We are working with the City to get permits  
23 to put them on the city right-of-way so that we can do  
24 this. The City is very interested in us doing this,  
25 because of the fact that they don't have any cameras in

1 this local area right now, that we could help with that  
2 effort, but also to use this drone to help them with the  
3 area around there.

4 We're going to try and integrate that with  
5 their 9-1-1 system to help in that area so that we can be  
6 proactive in our approach. I'm going to -- we have a lot  
7 of community outreach programs, such as Cops and Donuts,  
8 and we also do National Night Out, that we invite our  
9 community in a local area.

10 Any questions?

11 (No response.)

12 MS. JONES: No, sir.

13 CHIEF JENKINS: Thank you.

14 MS. JONES: Thank you.

15 City of Vidor? Waller County, if you want to  
16 move up front, and City of West, you can move up front as  
17 well.

18 DET SGT MEADOWS: Hello. My name's Tom  
19 Meadows. I'm the Detective Sergeant for the Vidor Police  
20 Department. The Vidor Police Department is a community-  
21 focused law enforcement agency in Southeast Texas,  
22 consisting of 24 officers.

23 In 2024, Vidor Police Department became the  
24 first agency in Southeast Texas to earn accreditation from  
25 the Texas Police Chiefs Association. The city of Vidor is

1 a community of approximately -- or 10,000 residents, and  
2 is about 20 miles from the Louisiana state line.

3 Vidor is basically cut in half by  
4 Interstate 10, and then split down the middle by Farm-to-  
5 Market Road 105. We also have State Highway 12 that  
6 begins in our city and goes towards Louisiana. On a daily  
7 basis, we have somewhere 140,000 vehicles drive through  
8 our town.

9 The Vidor Police Department emphasizes  
10 proactive policing and community participation through our  
11 See It-Report It initiative. Also, beginning this year,  
12 our Department has partnered with the Beaumont Police  
13 Department Real-Time Crime Center, and that began  
14 installing cameras around the city.

15 In 2024, we had two reported catalytic  
16 convertor thefts, 19 auto burglaries, and seven vehicle  
17 thefts. This year-to-date, we have no reported catalytic  
18 convertor thefts and only six reported auto burglaries.  
19 We believe our proactive patrols are helping combat  
20 vehicle-related crimes and hoping to improve our  
21 prevention strategies with the implementation of nine LPR  
22 cameras in high traffic areas in the city.

23 We are asking for \$48,625, with a match of  
24 \$9,725, to implement these cameras into our crime  
25 prevention strategy. We believe deployment of these

1 cameras will be a force multiplier in our current crime  
2 prevention strategy, while strengthening our cross-county  
3 crime fighting efforts with other law enforcement partners  
4 in our area.

5 MS. JONES: Thank you, sir.

6 DET SGT MEADOWS: All right.

7 MS. JONES: Waller County? Good, sir. How are  
8 you?

9 CHIEF DEP SCHIELDS: Great. Thank y'all for  
10 your time. My name's Bobby Schields. I'm the Chief  
11 Deputy for Waller County Sheriff's Office.

12 We're asking for continuation of the grant that  
13 you also kindly awarded us last year for 67,500, and our  
14 cash match was 13,500, for a total of 81,000.

15 Director Diggs, your email the other day was a  
16 breath of fresh air as far as the permitting and so forth,  
17 and that's what we've been waiting on. We've been a  
18 little stalled. I -- this is kind of a personal thing  
19 with me. Darren Almendarez personally worked for me down  
20 in Harris County whenever he was murdered that day.

21 And I understand the significance of the Flock  
22 camera system and so forth and sharing the intel and so  
23 forth within the region. And if you look at Waller  
24 County, whenever I went there -- after I retired from  
25 Harris County, I looked at it, and we looked like an

1 island without the resources that everyone else has.

2 And thank you for granting us the opportunity  
3 to partner with y'all. And we're just asking for a  
4 continuation to the grant for the 67,5-.

5 MS. JONES: No question, sir. Thank you.

6 CHIEF DEP SCHIELDS: Thank you so much.

7 MS. JONES: Wichita Falls, please move up. Oh,  
8 sir. Sit -- yes. West.

9 Wichita Falls, please move up to the front, and  
10 City of Willis to the front, please.

11 CHIEF WHITE: Good morning. I'm Chief Chris  
12 White with the West Police Department. Again, thank  
13 y'all, Board, for letting us approach y'all.

14 The city of West, small department, situated  
15 right on I-35, just north of Waco. We have eight full-  
16 time, dedicated, crime-fighting officers on duty.

17 It's a town of about 2,900, but we are growing.

18 The daily traffic count from TxDOT shows about 140,000  
19 vehicles daily on I-35 going north and south, and we have  
20 about 11,000 going through the city each day.

21 The City of West was blessed by the MVCPA Board  
22 in the second round of funding last -- or in January to  
23 get us 14 cameras, LPR and a camera trailer. I think -- I  
24 don't think, I know that this equipment has helped to  
25 continue to create and maintain an atmosphere of safety

1 and security for all of our citizens and visitors. And we  
2 do strive to prevent crime, as well as bring justice to  
3 those who have been victimized.

4 To address some of the social media, we do --  
5 we are pretty good on Facebook. We have National Night  
6 Out, and we do respond to any feedback from our citizens,  
7 which have overwhelmingly been very supportive of this  
8 program.

9 We're confident that the LPR program can and  
10 will continue to be a force multiplier in the collection  
11 of evidence, identification of criminals, and recovery of  
12 stolen property, including the theft of catalytic  
13 convertors and stolen vehicles. The grant will  
14 continue -- at this year's request, would continue to fund  
15 the 14 cameras that y'all allowed us last year, as well as  
16 that camera trailer, and add three more LPR cameras.  
17 There's a proposed Love's Truck Stop coming to the north  
18 end of town, and those three cameras will assist in  
19 monitoring some of that traffic going in and out of there.

20 The cost breakdown is that the total cost of  
21 the project is \$79,000, with MVCPA, if you'll allow us,  
22 \$63,200, and then we'll chip in the other 15,8-.

23 Do you have any questions?

24 (No response.)

25 MS. JONES: No, sir. Thank you.



1 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you very much.

2 MS. JONES: Wichita Falls, you're up.

3 Willis, I think you move to the front, and Wood  
4 County, please move to the front, please.

5 MR. BARTOW: Hello. I'm Jesse Bartow with the  
6 Wichita Falls Police Department. This is Officer Saenz.  
7 We are here for the third time.

8 We are just north of here, about two hours, on  
9 the border with Oklahoma. We're 200 sworn, for a  
10 population of about 103,000.

11 In '24, y'all gave us enough to do 30 Flock LPR  
12 cameras. In January, y'all again graced us with that  
13 money, and we are renewing those 30 cameras now.

14 Success so far -- so we had our first camera on  
15 the ground about a year and a half ago. We've cleared  
16 about 95 cases, credited completely to Flock. Fifty-nine  
17 of those had been stolen vehicles recoveries, for almost  
18 \$1.5 million in recovered vehicles and property.

19 This year, we're asking for -- or this go-  
20 round, we're asking for 305,000. We want to spend about  
21 112- of that to maintain those 30 cameras. We also would  
22 like to get our foot into the DFR program. Right now,  
23 Flock is the main contender in that.

24 One change I do have on that is -- we were  
25 looking at one drone for 150,000, but we have now learned

1     that we can actually do three smaller drones for the same  
2     price and cover more of our city. We're about 70 square  
3     miles. We can cover probably 90 percent of it for the  
4     same price as one drone.

5             We are also looking to add four PTZ cameras,  
6     most likely going to be Flock or Verkada. Those are going  
7     to be at our high-theft locations. We've got a trail  
8     system throughout the city, and our parking lots, where  
9     you'd hit really hard with people, you know, park to go  
10    run on the trail or do -- or bike, and they get broken  
11    into. So we'd like to have some live-view cameras there.

12            And finally, we're going to add at least one  
13    more Flock camera. We've built in a little cushion with  
14    our request so that if inflation were to get the best of  
15    us before we got there, we have some room to wiggle.

16            Right now, it's looking like we're going to  
17    have enough to actually do two new Flock cameras.

18            MR. DIGGS: I just want to verify that, instead  
19    of the DFR system, you're going to go with the three  
20    smaller drones?

21            MR. BARTOW: Yes. It's still DFR. It's  
22    just -- instead of the large, single DFR drone, it's three  
23    smaller ones. They don't have quite the capability as  
24    range -- quite the capability as a camera system, but I  
25    think we're going to get more bang for our buck with the

1 three versus the one.

2 MR. DIGGS: Okay. All right. Thank you.

3 MS. JONES: City of Willis?

4 (No response.)

5 MS. JONES: No Willis. Woods County -- Wood  
6 County? And Wylie, if you will please move up, if you're  
7 not already up.

8 Sir, go ahead.

9 LT MILBOURN: Good morning. My name is Austin  
10 Milbourn. I'm the Patrol Lieutenant for the Wood County  
11 Sheriff's Office.

12 Just a brief overview of Wood County. We have  
13 approximately 695 square miles, and just under 50,000  
14 people.

15 We are looking to implement an LPR program.  
16 Unfortunately, we have fallen victim to people traveling  
17 outside of their jurisdictions into ours and committing  
18 crimes. We struggle to gather evidence against these  
19 people for any prosecution or deterrence in the future, so  
20 that's why we're looking to get the license plate readers  
21 up and going.

22 We look forward to being able to share this  
23 data with maybe the East Texas Auto Theft Task Force.  
24 They're always there for us every time we call. We'd like  
25 to be there for them a little bit as well, so we look

1 forward to that, if we're granted the funds.

2 Our deployment strategy would be 17 Axon fixed  
3 license plate readers. That's going to come along with  
4 the five-year service and storage, including with that  
5 price. We plan on putting these up in major highways,  
6 placed where we think they come into the county to commit  
7 these crimes.

8 So our funding request would be \$179,328. We  
9 would match that 20 percent with \$35,866. The expected  
10 outcomes, if funding is received, we would expect to be  
11 successful with this program.

12 We also have a social media page for our  
13 Department on Facebook. And we engage with the community  
14 at least twice per year with Blue Santa and Kid Fish. And  
15 we also already possess electronic billboards that we  
16 would place throughout the year for crime prevention  
17 awareness.

18 MS. JONES: No questions, sir.

19 LT MILBOURN: Thank you.

20 MS. JONES: Young County?

21 Zavala is next. Zavala is next. Please move  
22 up, and then Harrison, be up front, please.

23 LT CAUTHERN: Good morning.

24 MS. JONES: Good morning, sir.

25 LT CAUTHERN: I am Lieutenant Cauthern, Young

1 County Sheriff's Office. Beside me is Chief Deputy Moody.

2 I apologize that my sheriff could not make it this  
3 morning.

4 If you're not familiar with Young County, we  
5 are approximately 75 miles northwest of the Dallas-Ft.  
6 Worth region. We have State Highway 114 that runs through  
7 the middle of -- that connects Lubbock and the DFW area,  
8 thankfully very far from Houston. We have an approximate  
9 population of 18,500, with now 131 square miles. We have  
10 our 12 full-time sworn officers there.

11 As Young County continues to grow, we  
12 experience more and more crime. Since 2021, we've  
13 experienced a drastic increase in motor vehicle thefts,  
14 and last year with the Graham Police Department and the  
15 Olney Police Department, we have noticed that the  
16 catalytic convertor theft is increasing. Just last year,  
17 in 2024, the Graham Police Department had seven, and this  
18 year alone, they've had two. And motor vehicle thefts,  
19 Young County has had eight stolen vehicles.

20 So for our grants, we requesting \$103,000 from  
21 the MVCPA for 26 ALPR cameras. Twelve of those would be  
22 distributed throughout the city limits of Graham and Olney  
23 and also Newcastle. We would share all of the data and  
24 resources with the two municipalities there, and eight PTZ  
25 cameras we would have, a few at the major intersections

1 and also the -- the square in Graham, it has the main drag  
2 of Elm Street, which we have a lot of high-crime area in  
3 that area.

4 Throughout Young County, we have four  
5 scrapyards. Three of those are in Graham, one residing in  
6 Olney. We have beliefs that those are high-traffic areas  
7 for catalytic convertor theft. We just don't have any of  
8 the numbers to prove that.

9 For our social media, we utilize Facebook. We  
10 work close in hand with two radio networks in Graham and  
11 our local newspaper. Our sheriff is very adamant on  
12 reaching out to the public, trying to outreach with them  
13 and share any sort of news that's going on through the  
14 community, that -- we'll be partial to them.

15 And as property crimes, each has to be adamant  
16 with that. We're happy to answer any questions.

17 (No response.)

18 MS. JONES: No, sir. No question.

19 LT CAUTHERN: Thank you.

20 MS. JONES: Zavala? And Harrison, where are  
21 you? Or is it -- okay. I see you, sir. You stay right  
22 there.

23 CAPT JIMENEZ: Okay.

24 MS. JONES: Sir?

25 CAPT JIMENEZ: Good morning. I'm sorry.

1 MS. JONES: Good morning, sir.

2 CAPT JIMENEZ: Good morning. My name is Jesse  
3 Jimenez. I'm the Captain with the Zavala County Sheriff's  
4 Office.

5 This is Esteban Ramos. He is the investigator  
6 that is actually funded by you all. That right there is  
7 one of the trucks that y'all funded for us, which is the  
8 beautiful truck.

9 Earlier this year, Zavala County Sheriff's  
10 Office proudly launched its Auto Theft Task Force, a  
11 critical initiative aimed to combating vehicle theft in  
12 our region. This new unit was made possible through grant  
13 funding by Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority.  
14 Thanks to the MVCPA catalytic convertor grant, we're able  
15 to acquire both a deputy and a fully equipped Chevy  
16 Silverado, real nice.

17 Since the launch of the Zavala County Sheriff's  
18 Office Task Force, our officer has made significant  
19 progress in combating vehicle and catalytic convertor  
20 theft in our community. Our Taskforce officer has  
21 successfully recovered 14 stolen vehicles, 15, and one  
22 when -- while we were here, 25 VIN checks where he  
23 assisted La Salle County at the salvage yard, where they  
24 found a stolen semi trailer, two vehicles that have been  
25 located with VIN swaps.

1           In addition to the recovery efforts, the  
2 officer actively collaborates with salvage yards and other  
3 local entities to investigate and deter auto theft. He  
4 also participates in public outreach events, where he  
5 shares valuable tips on how to secure your vehicle and  
6 your personal belongings. He's also going to start  
7 process on these 68A inspections, as well to, you know,  
8 generate revenue.

9           This -- there -- well, I think I went back.  
10 Well -- this specialized team enhances our ability to  
11 investigate and prevent automobile and catalytic convertor  
12 theft, ensuring better protection for our residents and  
13 their property.

14           With this continued assistance from MVCPA  
15 Authority -- MVCPA, Zavala County Sheriff's Office remains  
16 committed to provide the law enforcement strategies. This  
17 trailer right there in our slide is one of the trailers --  
18 or the trailer that we're actually looking for funding,  
19 and for continued funding for his position, and an  
20 additional deputy as well.

21           The funding would be -- I mean, 231,532, cash  
22 match 57,884, which is 25 percent, total \$289,416.

23           Any questions?

24           (No response.)

25           MS. JONES: No questions, sir.



1 Earl? Where's Earl?

2 VOICE: He left.

3 MS. JONES: We're good. So Cassandra, remind  
4 me next year that we're probably going to reverse and  
5 start with Z. Just remind me, though.

6 CAPT JIMENEZ: Thank y'all. Thanks to the --

7 MS. JONES: Yes, sir. Okay, Harrison.

8 LT MAYS: Good morning, everybody.

9 MS. JONES: Good morning, sir.

10 LT MAYS: I'm Lieutenant Dwight Mays from  
11 Harrison County Sheriff's Office. I'm the grant  
12 coordinator for not only the Sheriff's department, but for  
13 the county in general.

14 First, I'd like to say just thank you for  
15 making this opportunity available, not just for us, but  
16 for everybody in this room. I know y'all already know  
17 this, but these Flock cameras are -- they're better than  
18 zippers. I mean, this is one of the greatest technologies  
19 to come along since DNA and fingerprints.

20 One of the other presenters a minute ago said  
21 that his objective was to increase his recovery rate. I  
22 think, if we keep doing this like we're doing it, we're  
23 going to be able to zero it out, because we're going to  
24 make it hard on these guys to steal cars. This is mind-  
25 boggling.

1           And I want to start out by saying, we don't  
2 even have any, but our county seat, City of Marshall, has  
3 eight, and thanks to the fact that they have eight in the  
4 last two years, we've recovered 15 vehicles and a murder  
5 suspect, just in the -- that's been in the last six  
6 months. He committed a murder there in Harrison County  
7 and just disappeared off of the face of the earth, and  
8 five days later, he popped up in Maine, all because of a  
9 Flock camera. So it's great.

10           Just to tell you a little bit about Harrison  
11 County, so you'll know where we are, we're right at the  
12 intersection of Interstate 20 and Highway 59. We're kind  
13 of traditionally a hub of the Ark-Tex, if you will, not  
14 unlike a lot of other places. But going back in a history  
15 a little bit, Harrison County was -- and Marshall was  
16 located there because of the shipping industry, either by  
17 wagon or by riverboats.

18           Then, when the railroad came along, the T&P  
19 shop was located in Marshall, Texas. So it has always  
20 been a hub.

21           And if you look at this map right here, you can  
22 see how that's just increased over the years. We've got  
23 numerous US, state highways, major farm-to-market roads.  
24 And they go to all points, north, east, west, and south.  
25 Houston, Dallas, Chicago, you name it.

1           And anybody that lives around Houston knows  
2           full well the traffic that goes up and down 59. It's been  
3           a corridor for crime for a long, long time. And we're --  
4           our -- we're much smaller than, say, Harris County, not to  
5           be confused with Harrison.

6           And we always kind of feel like we get the  
7           trickle-down effect. We have everything that the big  
8           communities have. We just get it a little later.

9           But it always eventually starts to show up,  
10          just like the vehicle thefts. Is that it? Am I done?

11          MS. JONES: No, sir. Keep going and focus on  
12          your ask.

13          LT MAYS: Okay. What we're asking for is  
14          roughly \$260,000 worth of 21 fixed Flock cameras, two  
15          portables.

16          I'd also like to get a trailer, this flat-track  
17          trailer. We've got one sergeant who uses some volunteer  
18          trustees to recover all of our stolen vehicles for us and  
19          other high-crime incidents, so that we can eliminate the  
20          towing and keep our chain of custody a little shorter.  
21          But they're currently doing that with just a standard,  
22          old, 16-foot utility trailer, and it's a hard job for them  
23          to do. This thing lays down flat on the ground and make  
24          it just -- where, like, they just drive it, push it, drag  
25          it, right up on it and go in about 10 minutes.

1           We also need some security lighting and some  
2 security cameras at our storage facility, which used to be  
3 our old mechanic shop. You can see we're trying to get  
4 something done about the trees around the perimeter, but  
5 those are all on other people's property. So we do have a  
6 good fence, but we need some good lighting and some  
7 security cameras to keep the theft and stuff down out of  
8 there.

9           And the other thing that I'm asking for is some  
10 drones. They didn't make it to the presentation, because  
11 I ran out of slides and room. But we're also asking for  
12 five drones in the vicinity of about \$30,000, and there's  
13 three -- well, yeah -- three different types, and then  
14 there's three of those smaller ones that we want to put on  
15 our patrol so that each shift will have its own drone  
16 camera for immediate use, and then some more highly  
17 specialized drones that we will put with our high-crime  
18 taskforce and with our CID.

19           MS. JONES: Yes, sir. Thank you.

20           LT MAYS: Yes, ma'am.

21           (Pause.)

22           MR. DIGGS: Major Jones, I would like to go  
23 ahead and recommend that the Committee recommend to the  
24 full Board the following grant applications for SB224, FY  
25 '26 grant funding. You guys bear with me.

1                   Addison Police Department, \$216,017. Allen  
2 Police Department, \$81,667. Alvarado Police Department,  
3 \$24,000. Arp Police Department, \$21,200.  
4                   Azle Police Department, \$138,750. Bandera  
5 Police Department, \$14,167. Beaumont Police Department,  
6 \$285,834. Bellmead Police Department, \$7,083.  
7                   Belton Police Department, \$18,250. Brownsville  
8 Police Department, \$388,517. Bullard Police Department,  
9 \$21,600. Bunker Hill Memorial Villages Police Department,  
10 \$65,417.  
11                   Caddo Mills Police Department, \$20,833.  
12 Caldwell County Constable's Office, Precinct No. 2,  
13 \$18,501. Caldwell Police Department, \$17,791.  
14 Castroville Police Department, \$28,800.  
15                   Cedar Hill Police Department, \$55,209. Celina  
16 Police Department, \$112,000. Cibolo Police Department,  
17 \$487,118.  
18                   Clear Lake Shores Police Department, \$25,416.  
19 Clute Police Department, \$119,999. College Station Police  
20 Department, \$301,492. Collinsville Police Department,  
21 \$29,600.  
22                   Commerce Police Department, \$60,000. Converse  
23 Police Department, \$288,800. Cooke County Sheriff's  
24 Office, \$66,292. Cuero Police Department, \$13,750.  
25                   Cumby Police Department, \$29,600. Dallas

1 Police Department, \$1,224,538. Eagle Pass Police  
2 Department, \$339,133. Eastland County Sheriff's Office,  
3 \$29,583.

4 Eastland Police Department, \$46,667. El Paso  
5 Police Department, \$370,833. Elgin Police Department,  
6 \$400- -- excuse me -- Elgin Police Department, \$43,880.  
7 Elm Ridge Police Department, \$104,132.

8 Euless Police Department, \$100,209. Fairfield  
9 Police Department, \$79,925. Fort Stockton Police  
10 Department, \$60,000. Frisco Police Department, \$586,393.

11 Fulshear Police Department, \$138,500.  
12 Galveston County Sheriff's Office, \$397,400. Galveston  
13 Police Department, \$533,212. Groves Police Department,  
14 \$63,333. Gunter Police Department, \$12,500.

15 Hallettsville Police Department, \$74,000.  
16 Harris County Sheriff's Office, \$255,150. Harrison County  
17 Sheriff's Department, \$213,727. Heath Police Department,  
18 \$12,000.

19 Henderson Police Department, \$20,833. Hewitt  
20 Police Department, \$65,625. Hidalgo County Sheriff's  
21 Office, \$346,528. Holland Police Department, \$202,654.

22 Hondo Police Department, \$44,320. Hood County  
23 Sheriff's Department, \$60,000. Houston Police Department,  
24 \$960,642. Jacinto City Police Department, \$24,375.

25 Jefferson ISD Police Department, \$22,625.

1 Johnson County Sheriff's Department, \$208,333. Kemah  
2 Police Department, \$55,042. Kendall County Sheriff's  
3 Department, \$215,254.

4 Kleberg County Attorney's Office, \$22,917.  
5 Kyle Police Department, \$205,000. Lakeview Police  
6 Department, \$46,583. Laredo Police Department,  
7 \$1,511,895.

8 Lee County Sheriff's Office, \$84,146. Live Oak  
9 Police Department, \$300,208. Lubbock County Sheriff's  
10 Department -- or Lubbock County DA's Office, \$204,245.  
11 Mabank Police Department, \$357,200.

12 Mansfield Police Department, \$469,731.  
13 Maverick County Sheriff's Department, \$341,100. Mexia  
14 Police Department, \$35,000. Midlothian Police Department,  
15 \$185,471.

16 Mount Belvieu Police Department, \$153,349.  
17 Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, \$200,375. Morgan's  
18 Point Resort Police Department, \$10,800. Murphy Police  
19 Department, \$15,000.

20 Mustang Ridge Police Department, \$326,340. New  
21 Braunfels Police Department, \$438,724. Nolanville Police  
22 Department, \$25,800. Palestine Police Department,  
23 \$30,000.

24 Palmer Police Department, \$10,000. Panola  
25 County Sheriff's Office, \$76,875. The Town of Pecos

1 Police Department, \$434,560.

2 Polk County Sheriff's Department, \$45,000.

3 Potter County Sheriff's Office, \$348,080. Premont Police  
4 Department, \$514,983. Princeton Police Department,  
5 \$16,667.

6 The Town of Prosper Police Department,  
7 \$309,834. Rains County Sheriff's Office, \$177,907.  
8 Roanoke Police Department, \$125,000. Robinson Police  
9 Department, \$21,600.

10 Robstown Police Department, \$78,354. Rockwall  
11 County Sheriff's Office, \$226,190. Rosebud Police  
12 Department, \$20,667. Round Rock Police Department,  
13 \$423,519.

14 Sachse Police Department, \$16,208. San Angelo  
15 Police Department, \$133,962. San Saba County Sheriff's  
16 Office, \$19,200. Sansom Park Police Department, \$56,400.

17 Santa Clara Marshal's Office, \$28,800. Schertz  
18 Police Department, \$362,263. Sealy Police Department,  
19 \$25,000. Seguin Police Department, \$88,333.

20 Shelby County Sheriff's Office, \$30,000.

21 Silsbee Police Department, \$33,125. Sinton Police  
22 Department, \$221,212. Smith County Sheriff's Office,  
23 \$29,500.

24 Somervell County Sheriff's Office, \$40,833.

25 Sugar Land Police Department, \$42,084. Temple Police



1 Department, \$875,029. The Colony Police Department,  
2 \$125,000.

3 Tom Green County Sheriff's Office, \$156,662.  
4 Trinity County Sheriff's Office, \$63,333. Universal City  
5 Police Department, \$5,642. University of St. Thomas  
6 Police Department, \$70,330.

7 Vidor Police Department, \$48,625. Waller  
8 County Sheriff's Office, \$67,500. West Police Department,  
9 \$63,200. Wichita Falls Police Department, \$254,166.

10 Wood County Sheriff's Office, \$179,328. Young  
11 County Sheriff's Office, \$78,400. Zavala County Sheriff's  
12 Office, \$231,532.

13 And that would be my recommendation.

14 (Pause.)

15 MS. JONES: Stand by, ma'am. Which city?  
16 Or -- Fairfield? Okay. Stand by.

17 (Pause.)

18 MR. DIGGS: So Madam Chair, a correction for  
19 the City of Premont, the recommendation would be \$485,200.

20 MS. JONES: She wants me to go get my body  
21 armor. [Inaudible] the table.

22 MR. DIGGS: My apologies. So for the City of  
23 Fairfield, \$79,925.

24 (Pause.)

25 MR. SLOAN: I had notes here that you requested

1 118,000. We've made note of it.

2 MS. JONES: So your application has 79,925, but  
3 you requested the 118-. So just give us a moment.

4 (Pause.)

5 MS. JONES: What did you not add? Did you make  
6 a mistake?

7 (Pause.)

8 MS. JONES: Okay. So based on what you have  
9 here, this is what we are going to vote on, but you will  
10 be given an opportunity to amend your request. Okay. Is  
11 that okay, ma'am? I just wanted to check.

12 (Pause.)

13 MR. DIGGS: Madam Chair, for the record, the  
14 City of Andrews' application is not recommended to be  
15 approved. Glasscock County Sheriff's Office did not show  
16 up today, and not recommended. Robertson County Sheriff's  
17 Office is not recommended for approval. Willis Police  
18 Department did not show up today, and is not recommended.

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20 MS. JONES: Any other agency has a discrepancy  
21 in numbers, speak now.

22 (No response.)

23 MS. JONES: Okay. Hold. Stand by, because  
24 you're going to have to identify yourself. Just stand by.

25 Sir, which agency?

1 LT CAUTHERN: [Inaudible, not at mic].

2 MS. JONES: Young County, and your name is --  
3 okay. Young County. What should your amount be?

4 LT CAUTHERN: [Inaudible].

5 MR. DIGGS: So the information we have in the  
6 grant management system is \$78,400. So again, it's noted  
7 today, and when we got into negotiations, we can visit  
8 about, you know, the additional request that you  
9 presented.

10 MS. JONES: Which agency, sir?

11 MR. CLENDENEN: Seguin Police Department. Mr.  
12 Diggs answered my questions.

13 MS. JONES: Okay.

14 MR. CLENDENEN: Appreciate it. Thank you.

15 MS. JONES: Any other discrepancies? I see two  
16 hands. Come up, gentlemen. Come on.

17 And the discrepancies may not be us. Just  
18 letting us know.

19 Go ahead, sir.

20 LT RUIZ: Certainly. City of Kemah. I just  
21 couldn't hear the number exactly, the difference  
22 between -- if you could just repeat that, so I can make  
23 out what we applied for versus recommendation. I've got  
24 to write it down.

25 MS. JONES: Yes, sir. Stand by.

1 MR. DIGGS: So for Kemah, I have \$55,042.

2 LT RUIZ: And we applied for, I believe, 76-.

3 So your recommendation would be that?

4 MS. JONES: So 76-?

5 LT RUIZ: That was including the match.

6 MS. JONES: It has -- yours is 55,042.

7 LT RUIZ: Thank you.

8 MS. JONES: There was one other person. Yes,  
9 sir?

10 LT DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. I don't know if this is  
11 the right time. I represent the City of Andrews, just --  
12 I know that the recommendation was to not approve the  
13 grant, so I -- forgive me if this is the wrong time to  
14 ask, but didn't know --

15 MS. JONES: Uh-huh. So --

16 MR. DIGGS: The Committee doesn't recommend  
17 approval of your grant for outfitting the agency with  
18 radios.

19 LT DAVIS: Okay, okay. Thank you.

20 (Pause.)

21 MS. JONES: Any other questions, comments, or  
22 concerns?

23 (No response.)

24 MS. JONES: Okay. Perfect.

25 Cassandra, any public comment, besides what we

1 just heard?

2 MS. FLINT: Madam Chairman, there are no  
3 comments or questions. Thank you.

4 MS. JONES: Thank you, ma'am.

5 I will now entertain a motion. I will now  
6 entertain a motion from Member Jackson on the  
7 recommendation for the City of Round Rock.

8 MR. JACKSON: Member Jackson, for the record. I  
9 recommend that we move that recommendation to the full  
10 Board for approval.

11 MS. JONES: Member Jones, second. Motion  
12 passes.

13 I will now entertain a motion to send over to  
14 the Board all of the agencies that Major Diggs just read,  
15 with the exception of Round Rock.

16 MR. JACKSON: Member Jackson, for the record.  
17 With respect to Agenda Item 8, I'd like to make a motion  
18 for these recommendations to be made to the full Board.

19 MS. JONES: Is there a second?

20 MR. SLOAN: Member Sloan seconds.

21 MS. JONES: Aye from me. Motion carries.

22 Lastly, those agencies that Major Diggs  
23 recommend not be carried over to the Board, I need a  
24 motion.

25 MR. SLOAN: Member Sloan, for the record. I

1 make a motion.

2 MS. JONES: Is there a second?

3 MR. JACKSON: Member Jackson. Second that  
4 motion.

5 MS. JONES: Aye. Motion carries. I will now  
6 entertain a motion to adjourn.

7 MR. SLOAN: Member Sloan, I second that motion.

8 MR. JACKSON: Member Jackson, second.

9 MS. JONES: We're adjourned at 12:21.

10 (Whereupon, at 12:21 p.m., the meeting was  
11 concluded.)

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