



### **Collin County Constable, Pct 3**

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The Honorable Judge Self and County Commissioners:

This is a brief overview of the Constable's offices, and our core duties, as pertaining to the TASER grant request currently before you and your court. I am requesting you please look at the material and some stats we have furnished you to demonstrate some of our duties, as well as the core function of being bailiff in the Justice of Peace courts. As you know, we have 2 JP courts in our precinct and those duties keep our deputies busy with related issues from those courts. The TASERS are a less than lethal weapon to prevent injury to an officer/deputy, as well as the defendant/actor. Just the mere presence of the device has been proven to be a deterrent to violent behavior towards authority. We are not "expanding" our duties or scope, but just requesting to have a "tool" in our toolbox to be more efficient. Whereby being able to protect the safety of our deputies and keeping the citizens of this county safe as well.

Our core job function, determined by the Constitution, is to provide a bailiff in JP courts. Some of the situations have resulted in deputies/officers being assaulted and the public being put into harm's way. We serve 2 courts during normal business hours, and one court continues to extend past 11:00 pm at Lovejoy ISD. One location is Allen I.S.D., inside Allen High School building, and the other is Lovejoy I.S.D., inside the Administration building. Being at a remote location and backup some distance away, this tool would be helpful to have during the performance of our jobs.

In recent months a deputy was bitten and kicked while removing a child from a parent for DNA testing, and 2 other occasions where our deputies had to put hands on defendants to affect an arrests out of JP 3-1 and 3-2 courts. Some other type of activity we are involved in during a normal day is mental health arrests, disturbances, agency assist, writ of possessions, writs of execution, writ of attachments. Most of these functions are taking property and a person's rights from them, which only a law enforcement officer can do. Our precinct is within the boundaries of 9 police agencies, and during the scope of serving criminal and civil process; we interact with other police agencies within our precinct. Examples of calls we assist other agencies with were shots fired call, burglary alarm, attempt suicides, as well as fights in progress, and major accidents.

**Precinct 3 statistics below from February 2013 through May 2013; January was not included due to new elected official taking office:**

**151 Officer Arrests**

**138.15 hours for Prisoner Transport**

**920.3 hours of bailiff duties serving in our two courts**

**2,976 New Papers Received**

**7,794 Attempts**

**3,141 Served**

