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TO: Commissioners Court
FROM: Jason Browning
RE: Collin County Fire and Arson Task Force Interlocal Agreements

Honorable Court,

The Collin County Fire and Arson Task Force was conceived with the intent to assist all fire and arson investigators in Collin County, whose duties include responding to and conducting investigations for accidental and intentionally set fires which are criminal in nature. This will aid our efforts in fighting the devastating crime of Arson. It is the goal to have consistent and professional investigators whom are task force members representing the County and each municipality within Collin County. These members that are conducting fire and arson investigations will meet National, State and local minimum investigative standards.

Each member of the Collin County Fire and Arson Task Force represent their own jurisdictions and maintains command and control at any given incident. Under the task force concept this brings together an array of resources, specialties, experience and knowledge. All of which are necessary to meet the demands of a thorough and professional investigation. The cities that do not have dedicated fire and arson investigators will have access to the task force and will have confidence in knowing in the event of a fire a competent group of professionals will conduct an investigation to determine if it was an accidental or intentionally set fire.

The Collin County Fire Marshal's Office, being the lead agency in this endeavor, respectfully submits the following inter-local agreements for Commissioner's Court approval.