



Warren - Clinton Drug and Strategic Operations Task Force

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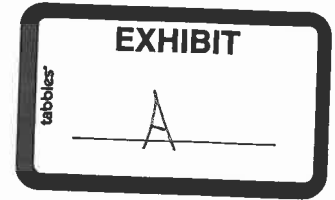
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January 7, 2004

City of Mason
Peter Beck
1100 Snider Rd. #44
Mason, Ohio 45040

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Dear Mr. Beck:

The Warren-Clinton Drug Task Force has completed a very successful year. Over 151 individuals were arrested in 2003 for felony drug related offenses, most of them for trafficking in various drugs. In addition, over 1.2 million dollars in illicit and prescription drugs were seized or identified as diverted for the year.

This success could not have been possible without the more than 600 tips that were provided by the general public, and the excellent assistance we received from law enforcement within our county, and near our borders.

Marijuana, cocaine, prescription drugs, and methamphetamine rank as the top drugs of abuse for Warren County, and our top priorities. We continue to work toward targeting mid to upper level drug traffickers and their suppliers that affect our county, and those who would produce the very dangerous substance, methamphetamine.

The drug task force consists of eight individuals, seven sworn officers, and our administrative assistant. Five of the personnel are paid directly out of drug task force funds that include all of their benefits. One detective is donated and assigned full time to the drug task force by the Warren County Sheriff's Office. The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and the Wilmington Police Department provide the remaining two officers.

A grant from the Ohio Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) also represents a portion of our needed funding for each year. We recently received this award again for 2004 to assist us in enforcing the drug laws within Warren County.

The drug task force relies on the remainder of our funding to come from the governmental entities, which is then matched by the Warren County Commissioners. We have been very fortunate over the past few years to have received this support, and are again asking that you assist us in 2004 so that we can continue to provide you with top quality drug enforcement.

Once again, the contribution formula we are requesting is \$1 per person residing in your jurisdiction. Although Warren County continues to grow, we are basing the request on the 2000 census, and not your current population, which is likely much higher. The Warren County Commissioners have again agreed to match these funds.

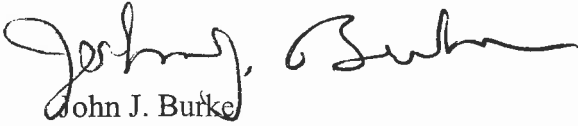
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A request for contribution form that includes the dollar amount requested is also included in your packet; I would ask that you once again assist us in combating the drug problem in Warren County. I will be attempting to attend each of your scheduled meetings in the first quarter of 2004 to answer any questions or address any problems you may have.

Thank you for your help in the past, and I wish all of you a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,


John J. Burke
Commander

REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

The Warren-Clinton Drug and Strategic Operations Task Force is in need of your assistance in order to continue to provide quality drug enforcement to our area. This is the fourth year that we have requested governmental entities to contribute \$1 per person of population in each jurisdiction. Every dollar that you provide to the drug task force will be matched by the Warren County Commissioners.

According to the Warren County 2000 census, the population of the city of Mason is **22,016**.

We are requesting that you provide **\$22,016** payable to the Warren-Clinton Drug Task Force, P.O. Box 898, Lebanon, Ohio 45036.

Thank you for your support, it is appreciated.

