



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** July 24, 2012

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**Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:** Greg Hamilton, Sheriff

**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Judge Sam Biscoe

**AGENDA LANGUAGE:** Consider and approve Travis County Sheriff's Office K-9 deputies to take two assigned county vehicles to Sandy, Utah for training.

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:**

The Travis County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit has retired several canines over the past two years. This training opportunity is an eight week, in depth specialized training specific for handlers and their canines. The two deputies attending are new to the unit and have younger, less experienced canines. This training is a law enforcement operated academy for K-9 handlers and their canines.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

**FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Federal Forfeiture Funds

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

Sheriff Greg Hamilton

Major Phyllis Clair

Captain Cyril Friday

**AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE:** All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, [Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us](mailto:Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us) by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.



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July 17, 2012

To: Travis County Judge Sam Biscoe  
Commissioner Ron Davis, Precinct 1  
Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt, Precinct 2  
Commissioner Karen Huber, Precinct 3  
Commissioner Margaret Gomez, Precinct 4

From: Sheriff Greg Hamilton 

Subject: Request for Out of State Travel

This request is for the Travis County Sheriff's Office K-9 deputies to be permitted to drive two county canine vehicles to out of state training, transporting their animals and job specific equipment. The Travis County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit has registered 2 handlers and their canines to attend the Utah Peace Officer Standards & Testing Detector Dog Training from July 26 through September 22, 2012.

The eight week training for detector dogs is extremely specific to both the handler and their canines. The training will focus on realistic street concepts and in-depth instruction for handlers and detector dogs. This is a law enforcement operated academy for canine and their handlers.

The TCSO K-9 unit has retired several canines over the past two years. The two deputies attending are new to the unit and have younger, less experienced canines. This training opportunity for training is more in-depth and specialized than trainings that are offered within the state.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions feel free to contact Captain Cyril Friday, Lieutenant Jason Jewert or Sergeant Dale Walls at 512-854-9776.



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