

DANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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TO: Supervisor Jeff Pertl, Chairperson

FROM: Sheriff David J. Mahoney

RE: Byrne Grant Funds for the Narcotics Task Force

The attached letter is reference Dane County Board resolution 2014 RES-494.



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Supervisor Jeff Pertl, Chairperson
Dane County Personnel and Finance Committee
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RE: Byrne Grant Funding for the Narcotics Task Force

Dear Chairman Pertl:

Please accept this letter as my recommendation that Dane County accept the Bryne Grant Funding for the Narcotics Task Force. This is essential funding that helps support the mission of our law enforcement personnel conducting complicated and often lengthy narcotics investigations.

The Dane County Narcotics Task Force is comprised of full-time and part-time personnel from the Madison Police Department, Dane County Sheriff's Office, University of Wisconsin-Madison Police Department, and the DEA. The primary focus of the Task Force is the detection and apprehension of individuals involved in trafficking illegal narcotics at the middle and upper levels.

The Narcotics Task Force also works collectively with the Madison office of the ATF, FBI, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice. They also work with local suburban police agencies within Dane County on several cases each year that cross geographical boundaries.

In a recent case, our officers conducted a several-months-long investigation, which concluded with the arrest of a local business owner that had in his possession over 500 grams (1/2 kilo) of cocaine, 200 grams of cocaine base (crack), 200 grams of heroin, and multiple firearms.

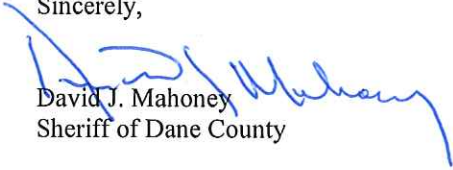
Within the last year, heroin use and overdose events have increased significantly. Our community is experiencing epidemic levels of heroin overdoses. In addition to the many overdose cases come newer trends of driving while under the influence of opiates and prescription drugs. The Dane County Task Force continues to work with all local law enforcement agencies within Dane County in a partnership to address these issues.

Dane County Task Force personnel also strategize with other counties within the Milwaukee HIDTA region on targeting heroin distributors as a primary focus of operations. Working in cooperation with Rock County's task force, it is our goal to identify the most significant Drug Trafficking Organizations that supply our region with heroin and other drugs, such as cocaine, crack cocaine, and prescription medication.

It is through these types of combined efforts, and the sharing of intelligence, that we will have the most success capturing perpetrators harming our community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,


David J. Mahoney
Sheriff of Dane County

cc: Supervisor Sheila Stubbs