



COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER CO#126619

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DATE: 11/21/2017

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF THE CONSTABLE'S OFFICE, PRECINCT 7, FISCAL YEAR 2017 EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATION REPORT**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED:**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the Constable's Office, Precinct 7, Fiscal Year 2017 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Report.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Auditor's Office reviewed the attached FY 2017 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification report prepared by the Constable's Office, Precinct 7. The reports are due to the Department of Justice within sixty (60) days of the end of the County's fiscal year.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this item.

SUBMITTED BY: Auditor's Office

PREPARED BY: S. Renee Tidwell  
APPROVED BY:



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November 15, 2017

The Honorable Constable Clint Burgess, Precinct 7  
The Honorable District Judges of Tarrant County  
The Honorable Tarrant County Commissioners Court


Re: Auditor's Report – Review of the FY2017 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification form

The Auditor's Office reviewed the attached *FY2017 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification* report prepared by Constable, Precinct 7 (Constable). The report is due to the Department of Justice within 60 days of the end of the County's fiscal year. Based on the information recorded in the County's general ledger, the Constable's records, and the Department of Justice, we believe that the reported amounts of forfeited proceeds received by Constable and the ending balances are reasonable as of September 30, 2017.

Through the Federal Equitable Sharing Program, the Department of Justice distributes a share of forfeited property and proceeds to state and local law enforcement agencies that directly participate in an investigation or prosecution resulting in a federal forfeiture. As a participant, the Constable's Office must complete and submit the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification form within 60 days of the close of each County fiscal year. The form must report the equitably shared funds received during the fiscal year, report how those funds were spent, and report any remaining funds in the agency's account. All Department of Justice and Department of the Treasury funds must be reported on this form.

We appreciate the efforts of the Constable's staff to facilitate the completion of this review.

Very truly,

  
S. Renee Tidwell, CPA  
County Auditor

Attachments: *FY2017 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification – Constable 7*

Distribution: Charles Hatley, Chief Deputy, Constable 7  
Matt Jones, Senior Internal Auditor



## Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification



**NCIC/ORI/Tracking Number:** TX2204600  
**Agency Name:** Tarrant County Constable Precinct 7  
**Mailing Address:** 1100 East Board Street, Suite 201  
 Mansfield, TX 76063

**Type:** Police Department

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**Name:** Hatley, Charles  
**Phone:** 817-473-5110      **Email:** crhatley@tarrantcounty.com

**ESAC Preparer**  
**Name:** Hatley, Charles  
**Phone:** 817-473-5110      **Email:** crhatley@tarrantcounty.com

**FY End Date:** 09/30/2017      **Agency FY 2018 Budget:** \$1,366,330.00

### Annual Certification Report

Summary of Equitable Sharing Activity		Justice Funds <sup>1</sup>	Treasury Funds <sup>2</sup>
1	Beginning Equitable Sharing Fund Balance <small>(Must match Ending Balance from prior FY)</small>	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	Equitable Sharing Funds Received	\$549.31	\$0.00
3	Equitable Sharing Funds Received from Other Law Enforcement Agencies and Task Force <small>(Complete Table B)</small>	\$0.00	\$0.00
4	Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00
5	Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00
6	Total Equitable Sharing Funds Received <small>(total of lines 1-5)</small>	\$549.31	\$0.00
7	Equitable Sharing Funds Spent <small>(total of lines a - n below)</small>	\$0.00	\$0.00
8	Ending Equitable Sharing Funds Balance <small>(difference between line 7 and line 6)</small>	\$549.31	\$0.00

<sup>1</sup>Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program participants are: FBI, DEA, ATF, USPIS, USDA, DCIS, DSS, and FDA

<sup>2</sup>Department of the Treasury Asset Forfeiture Program participants are: IRS, ICE, CBP and USSS.

Summary of Shared Funds Spent		Justice Funds	Treasury Funds
a	Law enforcement operations and investigations	\$0.00	\$0.00
b	Training and education	\$0.00	\$0.00
c	Law enforcement, public safety and detention facilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
d	Law enforcement equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00
e	Joint law enforcement/public safety operations	\$0.00	\$0.00
f	Contracting for services	\$0.00	\$0.00
g	Law enforcement travel and per diem	\$0.00	\$0.00
h	Law enforcement awards and memorials	\$0.00	\$0.00
i	Drug, gang and other education or awareness programs	\$0.00	\$0.00
j	Matching grants <small>(Complete Table C)</small>	\$0.00	\$0.00
k	Transfers to other participating law enforcement agencies <small>(Complete Table D)</small>	\$0.00	\$0.00
l	Support of community-based programs <small>(Complete Table E)</small>	\$0.00	\$0.00
m	Non-categorized expenditures <small>(Complete Table F)</small>	\$0.00	\$0.00
n	Salaries <small>(Complete Table G)</small>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Table B: Equitable Sharing Funds Received From Other Agencies**

Transferring Agency Name	Justice Funds	Treasury Funds

**Table C: Matching Grants**

Matching Grant Name	Justice Funds	Treasury Funds

**Table D: Transfers to Other Participating Law Enforcement Agencies**

Receiving Agency Name	Justice Funds	Treasury Funds

**Table E: Support of Community-based Programs**

Recipient	Justice Funds	

**Table F: Non-categorized expenditures in (a) - (n) Above**

Description	Justice Funds	Treasury Funds

**Table G: Salaries**

Salary Type	Justice Funds	Treasury Funds

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Did your agency purchase any controlled equipment?     YES     NO

## Affidavit

Under penalty of perjury, the undersigned officials certify that they have read and understand their obligations under the **Equitable Sharing Agreement** and that the information submitted in conjunction with this Document is an accurate accounting of funds received and spent by the Agency under the Guide during the reporting period and that the recipient Agency is compliant with the National Code of Professional Conduct for Asset Forfeiture.

The undersigned certify that the recipient Agency is in compliance with the applicable nondiscrimination requirements of the following laws and their implementing regulations: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, or age in any federally assisted program or activity, or on the basis of sex in any federally assisted education program or activity. The Agency agrees that it will comply with all federal statutes and regulations permitting federal investigators access to records and any other sources of information as may be necessary to determine compliance with civil rights and other applicable statutes and regulations.

### Equitable Sharing Agreement

This Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement, entered into among (1) the Federal Government, (2) the above-stated law enforcement agency ("Agency"), and (3) the governing body, sets forth the requirements for participation in the federal Equitable Sharing Program and the restrictions upon the use of federally forfeited cash, property, proceeds, and any interest earned thereon, which are equitably shared with participating law enforcement agencies. By submission of this form, the Agency agrees that it will be bound by the statutes and guidelines that regulate shared assets and the following requirements for participation in the Department of Justice and Department of the Treasury Equitable Sharing Programs. Receipt of the signed Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification (this "Document") is a prerequisite to receiving any equitably shared cash, property, or proceeds.

**1. Submission.** This Document must be submitted within 60 days of the end of the Agency's fiscal year. This Document must be signed and submitted electronically. Electronic submission constitutes submission to the Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury.

**2. Signatories.** This agreement must be signed by the head of the Agency and the head of the governing body. Examples of Agency heads include police chief, sheriff, director, commissioner, superintendent, administrator, city attorney, county attorney, district attorney, prosecuting attorney, state attorney, commonwealth attorney, and attorney general. The governing body's head is the head of the agency that appropriates funding to the Agency. Examples of governing body heads include city manager, mayor, city council chairperson, county executive, county council chairperson, administrator, commissioner, and governor. The governing body head cannot be from the law enforcement agency and must be from a separate entity.

**3. Uses.** Any shared asset shall be used for law enforcement purposes in accordance with the statutes and guidelines that govern the Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury Equitable Sharing Programs as set forth in the current edition of the *Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies (Guide)*.

**4. Transfers.** Before the Agency transfers funds to other state or local law enforcement agencies, it must first verify with the Department of Justice that the receiving agency is a compliant Equitable Sharing Program participant. Transfers of tangible property are not permitted.

**5. Internal Controls.** The Agency agrees to account separately for federal equitable sharing funds received from the Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury. Funds from state and local forfeitures, joint law enforcement operations funds, and other sources must not be commingled with federal equitable sharing funds.

The Agency certifies that funds are maintained by the jurisdiction maintaining appropriated funds and agrees that such accounting will be subject to the standard accounting requirements and practices employed by the Agency's jurisdiction in accordance with the requirements set forth in the current edition of the *Guide*, including the requirement to maintain relevant documents and records for five years.

The misuse or misapplication of shared resources or supplantation of existing resources with shared assets is prohibited. The Agency must follow its jurisdiction's procurement policies when expending shared funds. Failure to comply with any provision of this agreement shall subject the recipient agency to the sanctions stipulated in the current edition of the *Guide*.

**6. Audit Report.** Audits will be conducted as provided by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Super Circular,

Uniform Administrative Requirements, Costs Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. The Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury reserve the right to conduct periodic random audits or reviews.


7. Freedom of Information Act. Information provided in this Document is subject to the FOIA requirements of the Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury.

During the past fiscal year: (1) has any court or administrative agency issued any finding, judgment, or determination that the Agency discriminated against any person or group in violation of any of the federal civil rights statutes listed above; or (2) has the Agency entered into any settlement agreement with respect to any complaint filed with a court or administrative agency alleging that the Agency discriminated against any person or group in violation of any of the federal civil rights statutes listed above?

Yes  No

**Agency Head**

Name: Burgess, Clint  
Title: Constable  
Email: ccburgess@tarrantcounty.com

Signature:  Date: 11-15-17

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided on this form is true and accurate and has been reviewed and authorized by the Law Enforcement Agency Head whose name appears above. Entry of the Agency Head name above indicates his/her acceptance of and agreement to abide by the policies and procedures set forth in the *Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies*, including ensuring permissibility of expenditures and following all required procurement policies and procedures. Entry of the Agency Head name above also indicates his/her acceptance of and agreement to abide by requirements set forth in this Equitable Sharing Agreement, and any policies or procedures issued by the Department of Justice or the Department of the Treasury related to the Asset Forfeiture or Equitable Sharing programs. The Law Enforcement Head also certifies that no items on the Prohibited list, as detailed in "Recommendations Pursuant to Executive Order 13688", were purchased with equitable sharing funds on or after October 1, 2015.

**Governing Body Head**

Name: Whitley, Glen B.  
Title: County Judge  
Email: gwhitley@tarrantcounty.com

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the agency's current fiscal year budget reported on this form is true and accurate and the Governing Body Head whose name appears above certifies that the agency's budget has not been supplanted as a result of receiving equitable sharing funds. Entry of the Governing Body Head name above indicates his/her acceptance of and agreement to abide by the policies and procedures set forth in the *Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies*, this Equitable Sharing Agreement, and any policies or procedures issued by the Department of Justice or the Department of the Treasury related to the Asset Forfeiture or Equitable Sharing Programs.

I certify that I am authorized to submit this form on behalf of the Agency Head and the Governing Body Head.