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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 31, 2011

TO: John Szerlag, City Manager

FROM: Gary G. Mayer, Chief of Police 

RE: Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) - Border Enforcement Security Task Force (B.E.S.T.)

In October of 2009, the Troy Police Department entered into a partnership with the Department of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) - Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) by providing an investigator to the Border Enforcement Security Task Force (BEST). Officer Bill Taylor was selected to represent the Troy Police Department.

The attached letter of appreciation recognizes some of Officer Taylor's accomplishments as a member of the BEST Task Force. In addition to the excellent investigative experience and training Officer Taylor has received, the Troy Police Department has benefitted from this collaborative endeavor. The Troy Police Department has received overtime reimbursement for several investigators' overtime expenses through a number of federal funding initiatives. In FY2010-2011, the Troy Police Department received \$137,671.62 in forfeiture funds directly or indirectly attributable to ICE-BEST investigations. These funds assist law enforcement by providing funds for investigations, training, equipment, transportation, and drug and/or gang awareness programs.

Through this collaborative and cooperative initiative, and other similar endeavors, the Troy Police Department has been able to expand its access to resources to the benefit of the community as a whole. It is hoped that as we continue to address the downsizing of the police department, we will be able to maintain our commitment to these beneficial and worthwhile programs.



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Chief Gary G. Mayer
Troy Police Department
500 West Big Beaver Road
Troy, MI 48084

Re: Border Enforcement Security Task Force (BEST)

Dear Chief Mayer:

Since joining the ICE Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Border Enforcement Security Task Force (BEST) in October of 2009, Troy Police Detective Bill Taylor has been a major asset to HSI and our law enforcement partners collaborating on the BEST task force. Task Force Agent (TFA) Taylor has made significant contributions to the success of the BEST. Since his arrival on BEST TFA Taylor has initiated 16 investigations, which resulted in 14 criminal arrests with 9 convictions to date, seized approximately \$136,811, 6 weapons including handguns and long arms, 185 pounds of marijuana, 1.7 grams of heroin, 3.7 grams of cocaine and other illegal narcotics.

TFA Taylor has played an integral part in the successes and accomplishments of BEST since its initiation. TFA Taylor's actions and attitude show the highest degree of professionalism that represents Troy Police Department and HSI. He contributes to achieving the mission of BEST by working collaboratively with others and building effective partnerships across organizational boundaries. Due in part to TFA Taylor's contributions to BEST, in fiscal year 2011 alone, BEST has been responsible for 129 criminal arrests, 90 indictments, seizures of approximately 6000 pounds of marijuana, 500 pounds of ecstasy, 20 pounds of heroin, and 9 pounds of methamphetamine.

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for the role Detective Bill Taylor has played in the successes of the Border Enforcement Security Task Force. He has exhibited the highest level of professionalism and contributed significantly as an integral member of this task force.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Moskowitz
Special Agent in Charge

Police Officer Bill Taylor - THANKS FOR YOUR GREAT WORK WITH HSI
AND REPRESENTING TROY PD SO WELL.
Gary G. Mayer



**U.S. Immigration and
Customs Enforcement**

Certificate of Appreciation

William Taylor

Detective, Troy Police Department

***In Appreciation For Your Contributions, Hard Work and Dedication in Support of
the Detroit Border Enforcement Security Task Force***

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