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## Fort Bend County Sheriff Eric Fagan Elected Vice Chair of Houston HIDTA

*Sheriff Fagan will continue to be on Houston High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Executive Board now serving as Vice Chair.*



**(FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS)** – Fort Bend County Sheriff Eric Fagan has been elected as the Houston High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Executive Board Vice Chair. Sheriff Fagan has been an executive board member since he took office in 2021.

The mission of the HIDTA Program is to “disrupt the market for illegal drugs by dismantling and disrupting drug trafficking and/or money laundering organizations, and to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of HIDTA initiatives.”

The Houston HIDTA executive board is comprised of 20 representatives including local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The executive board assesses the drug trafficking threats found in the Greater Houston region, develops strategies to address the threats, and proposes funding needed to carry out the mission.

"It's been an honor serving as member of the executive board and representing Fort Bend in a greater scale," said Sheriff Fagan. "As vice chair, we will continue to put a stop to drug related crimes, in efforts to keep our communities safe."

"It's been a great asset to have had Fort Bend County Sheriff Fagan as a Houston HIDTA Executive Board member for the past two years," said Houston HIDTA Director F. Mike McDaniel. "He's brought valuable input to the executive board, especially in light of his many years of law enforcement experience. I am even happier, Sheriff Fagan was selected as the vice chair, with the chair position to follow next November.

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#### **About Houston HIDTA**

Created by Congress in 1988, the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program coordinates and assists Federal, State, Local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies (LEAs) to address regional drug threats with the purpose of reducing drug trafficking and drug production in the United States. The HIDTA program oversees 33 regional HIDTAs in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia. With HIDTA presence in over 600 counties across the country, an estimated two-thirds of Americans live in a HIDTA-designated county.

#### **About the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office**

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office was founded in 1837 and is the largest law enforcement agency in Fort Bend County—the most diverse county in Texas. The FBCSO has over 800 employees, including 565 sworn peace officers and 25 reserve deputies dedicated to protecting and serving nearly 900,000 Fort Bend County residents. Among the 10 fastest-growing counties in the nation, Fort Bend covers 885 square miles and includes 21 unincorporated communities.

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