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To: Board of Directors, Southwest Texas Junior College
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Reference: Update on Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy

I would first like to begin by thanking you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Coordinator of the Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy. These past three years have been an exciting, challenging time for me, my staff, and the academy in general. Below is a list of milestones we have achieved since September 2008 when I took over the academy. Again, thank you for your continued support and I look forward to many more years of growth with the academy.

Statistical comparison of fiscal years 2006-2008 with 2009-2011

Enrollment in the Basic Peace Officer Course has more than doubled

First-time pass rate on Correctional Officer State Exam 55% / 94%

First-time pass rate on Peace Officer State Exam 58% (lowest in the state) / 100%

Number of cadets receiving peace officer certification 56 / 185

Acquired three fully-operational patrol vehicles at a total cost to the college of less than \$15,000

Acquired twelve new Glock .40 calibre semi-automatic handguns at no cost to the college

Acquired training equipment to include but not limited to, duty belts, holsters, handcuffs, and ASP batons, at minimal cost to the college as most items were purchased with Carl Perkins funds

We are currently in a collaborative effort with the Uvalde Police Department in an effort to upgrade the gun range which will include resurfacing the range (completed last week), adding a command tower (added safety for cadets), range house (allow cadets to use to get out of the elements when they are not on the firing line), electricity to the range, lighting, restroom facilities...all at NO cost to the college

Hired a full-time instructor, Mike Leavene, who has over forty years law enforcement experience

***Taken off probationary status with the state effective June 27, 2011

The above milestones were made with the efforts of several individuals and departments throughout the college and the region. I certainly could not have been successful without their help. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

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