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Dear Sheriff Matlack and District Attorney Ballard:

ORS 181.781 to 181.799 codify SB 111 (2007). You submitted for the Attorney General's consideration on May 2, 2008, a deadly force plan created by the Morrow County Deadly Force Planning Authority. ORS 181.783 (10) provides in pertinent part:

\*\*\*No later than 30 days after receiving the plan, the Attorney General shall review the plan for compliance with the minimum requirements described in ORS 181.786. If the Attorney General determines that the plan complies with the minimum requirements, the Attorney General shall approve the plan.\*\*\*

The Attorney General is not empowered by law to substitute the Attorney General's judgment for that of the Planning Authority as to any element of the plan. Our review is limited to determining whether your plan complies with the minimum requirements described in ORS 181.786.

We have reviewed your submission. With one exception, the plan complies with the minimum requirements described in ORS 181.786. The plan as submitted did not have attached to it copies of the deadly force policies of each law enforcement agency in Morrow County. This omission is easily cured. Simply send us copies of the plans and we will append them to the submitted plan. The Attorney General therefore approves of Morrow County's deadly force plan, effective on the date that we receive copies of the policies. Thank you for completing this important plan.

Sincerely,

/s/ Peter D. Shepherd

PETER D. SHEPHERD  
Deputy Attorney General

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cc: Members, Planning Authority

