

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE LAREDO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND
UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (DFR PROGRAM)**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is being executed by the **City of Laredo Police Department (“LPD”)** and the **United Independent School District (“UISD” or “District”)** for the purpose of establishing a good-faith foundation for collaboration in the installation of LPD’s hardware relating to the operation of a drone as first responder (“DFR”) program from UISD property in an effort to enhance security for the communities they serve.

Terms and Conditions

- 1. Purpose:** The purpose of this MOU is to set out a common understanding that LPD and UISD will follow to collaborate in the installation and operation of equipment related to a drone as first responder program on UISD property/structure(s). This MOU is a formal agreement to define operational parameters and responsibilities.
- 2. Duration:** This MOU is automatically renewed annually based on verbal notification from LPD, on or about October 1 of each new fiscal year. Either party may terminate this MOU and their participation in the program without cause after providing thirty (30) days advance written notice to the Chief of Police, the UISD Board of Trustees, or their respective legal representatives. Notwithstanding the foregoing, UISD may immediately suspend or terminate this MOU if continued participation presents a safety concern, legal compliance issue, or conflict with District policy.
- 3. Equipment:** The Laredo Police Department will be responsible for all costs associated with the equipment in relation to this project, this includes incurring all costs related to operation, installation, maintenance, and removal. LPD shall retain responsibility and authority over all equipment in relation to the equipment that is located within UISD property, including responsibility for loss, damage, maintenance, and removal. LPD shall be responsible for any damage to UISD property caused by the Equipment, including installation and removal.
- 4. Roles and Responsibility:** This equipment/program will not interfere with UISD Police Department’s primary law enforcement jurisdiction inside UISD property. LPD and any equipment associated with the DFR program will play a support role, unless it’s upon request and the severity and complexity of the event is beyond the resources of the UISD Police Department to resolve. LPD also agrees to ensure proper security measures are integrated within the equipment to comply with federal security guidelines and prevent security breaches. Nothing in this MOU authorizes any party to exercise control over the property of another without explicit consent.

UISD agrees to furnish an adequate installation area, provide electrical connectivity, and network accessibility for DFR equipment at no cost, subject to funding availability and District policy. UISD also agrees to take the necessary measures to ensure LPD equipment is free from damage or tampering, while placed within UISD property. UISD also agrees to provide periodic accessibility to LPD and any vendor designated by LPD to service the equipment, during normal District operating hours unless otherwise agreed.

4. Insurance Coverage: The City of Laredo will maintain insurance during the term of this MOU for its employees with liability coverage for claims arising as a result of operation or maintenance of the DFR equipment or related activities under this MOU.

6. News Media: Press conferences, press releases, and other statements to the media concerning this agreement shall be coordinated among the participating agencies.

7. Release of Liability: The participating agencies acknowledge that this MOU does not alter the applicable law governing civil liability, if any, arising from the conduct of personnel. Each agency shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of its personnel. Nothing herein is intended to waive or limit sovereign immunity under federal or state statutory or constitutional law.

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