



AN EARLY COLLEGE DISTRICT

**BROWNSVILLE**  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



# TOWN HALL MEETING

A photograph of a school hallway with blue lockers on the right and a tiled floor. The text "Safety and Security at our Schools" is overlaid in large, bold, red letters with a white outline.

**Safety and Security**  
**at our Schools**



Welcome!





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## Today's Agenda

- I. Welcome
- II. Introduction of Guests
- III. Superintendent Address
- IV. A Message from Elected Officials
- V. Purpose of Today's Meeting
- VI. Police and Security Services Department Overview
- VII. State of the Police & Security Services
- VIII. Overview of the Emergency Operation Plan
  1. Prevention and Lessons Learned
  2. Mitigation
  3. Preparedness
  4. Response
  5. Recovery
- IX. Q & A Session
- X. Closure

# TOWN HALL MEETING

## Purpose

- 1 Maintain Transparency
- 2 Keep our Community Informed
- 3 Discuss the **Emergency Operation Plan (EOP)** which includes the following:
  1. Prevention,
  2. Mitigation,
  3. Preparedness,
  4. Response and
  5. Recovery

# TOWN HALL MEETING

## Police and Security Services

### Department Overview



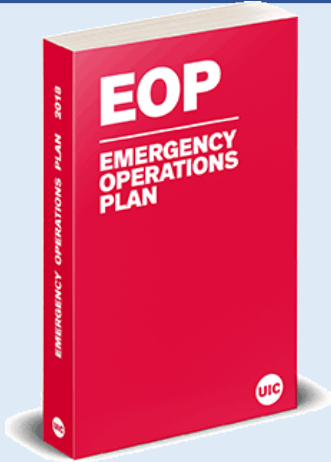
- ❑ Established August 1992
- ❑ Goal: create a safe and secure learning environment for students, teachers, and staff.
- ❑ Student Enrollment: approximately 38,500
- ❑ Total staff: approximately 6,200
- ❑ Services: 24/7, 365 days a year
- ❑ Jurisdiction: covers 130 miles

- ❑ 59 sworn personnel in a variety of ranks including:
  - Chief of Police,
  - Police Commander (1)
  - Police Sergeants (8),
  - Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (1)
  - Police Investigators (3)
  - Police Officer Patrol Division/K9 (22) and
  - Campus Based Police (23).
  - Security Officers (89)
  - Telecommunications Officers (6)
  - Reserve/Volunteer Police Officer (1)



# Police and Security Services

## Prepare and Prevent



Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is **required** for each campus within our school district.

- Provides a legal framework for the management of emergencies
- Provides guidance on how to conduct business in a disaster or disaster threat situation
- Intent is to empower employees in an emergency
- Clarifies and assigns emergency roles and responsibilities

- Security Fencing - The majority of BISD Schools are equipped with security fencing around the perimeter of the site and parking lots.
- Security Guard Shack - screen visitors and route pedestrian traffic to main office
- Video Cameras with recording capabilities
- Intercom Systems
- Visitor Management/Access Control - All visitors are required to check in at the front office and present a current government issued identification card. The Raptor system is used.



# Police and Security Services

## Prepare and Prevent



- School Buses – equipped with security cameras and global positioning systems (GPS). Transportation administrator monitor location, speed, and start/stop history.
- Closed Circuit Television Video (CCTV) Monitoring System – monitors activity on a school campus
- Two-way Radio Communication - campus administrators carry radios to communicate with each other. The Police and Security staff utilize digital, two-way radios that are a subsidiary of the City of Brownsville Police Department (PD) communication system.
- Mass Notification System- The district uses School Messenger to deliver high messages quickly and efficiently. School messenger allows schools to communicate with parents via voice, text, email, web and push notifications from a simple interface.
- Campus Crime Stoppers/P3 Campus - Students, parents and community members are encouraged to use the department's **Crime Stoppers at (956) 408-0049** to report information that might affect safety or security.





# Police and Security Services

## Prepare and Prevent



- ❑ Threat Assessment Teams – Designed to improve the way law enforcement and the schools respond and serve students who may be display disruptive or dangerous behavior. The team (administrators, counselors, nurses, and mental health agencies) focus on the behavior of an individual and develops a course of action.
- ❑ Campus Drills – administrators at each campus conduct monthly drills to practice emergency situations
- ❑ K-9 Unit - Three K-9 teams to support field operations in the search for narcotics. Police dog handlers are carefully chosen and undergo a series of rigorous trainings.







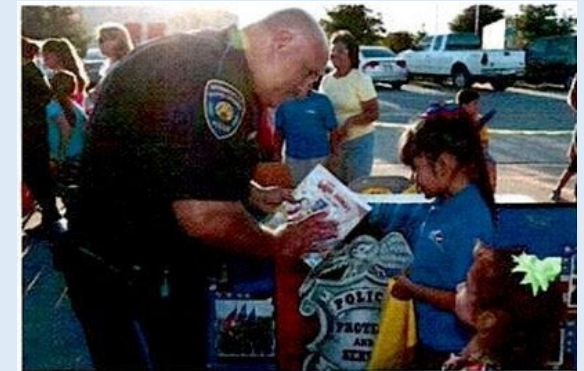
# Police and Security Services

## Prepare and Prevent



☐ **Community Outreach** - Police officers offer numerous community service projects and school programs throughout the year such as:

- Bike Rodeo,
- Internet Safety,
- Drug & Gang Awareness
- Safe Schools Parent Police Academy
- Eddie Eagle Gun Safety
- Summer Bike Rodeo
- Teddy Cop Program
- Below 100
- Blue Courage
- Scholastic Crime Stoppers
- Rio Grande Valley Child Exploitation Investigation Task Force
- Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events
- Texas Commission On Law Enforcement Contract Provider
- Annual Security/ Police In-Service Academy
- City of Brownsville Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Partnership







# Police and Security Services

## Recovery



It is important that BISD not only prepare their staff to respond to a potential incident, but also collectively determine the processes through which the organization and its staff recover from an incident.

- Law Enforcement Duty: ensure life safety and the immediate rescue
- Commanding officer: communicates directly with superintendent
- Superintendent of Schools:
  - Communicates with the community via *School Messenger*
  - Provides media responses



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## Team Approach, depending on the threat/incident:

- Director of Public Information Office: Collaborates with superintendent to post information and provide updates
- Health Services Director: coordinates medical assistance
- Transportation Director: provides transportation services (evacuation)
- Deputy Supt. of Operations: provides necessary resources/equipment
- Director of Counseling: schedules and coordinates support to students and staff
- Director of Food & Nutrition Services: provides meals/refreshments, if needed





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*BISD recognizes the need to plan, prepare, and respond to immediate threats. BISD thanks our law enforcement partners for their continued support to the school district and our community.*

**Safety is our #1 priority.**





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*Before anything else, preparation is the key to success —*

*Alexander Graham Bell*