



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL ITEM

TOPIC Discussion of District Crisis Management and Safety Procedures

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**UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICE DEPARTMENT
SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN**

The UISD Police Department is committed to providing a safe environment for students, staff and visitors. We work closely with safety officials – police, fire, emergency medical services and public health – in order to ensure our schools are well prepared for an emergency.

SCHOOL SAFETY PERSONNEL: Police and Security Personnel are under the supervision of Police Operations. They patrol school buildings, grounds, parking areas, and areas adjacent to school property to maintain order and security; facilitates communication between students and staff to enhance understanding and promote a secure environment, and perform related duties as assigned. These officers are the backbone of school operations with respect to providing school safety support services, enhanced campus supervision, patrol the school or man post as instructed, report all incidents, accident or medical emergencies, assistance with disruptive students, monitoring visitors, coordinates with other law enforcement officials, and host of other functions geared toward improving and maintain school safety.

The United ISD Police Department is a group of dedicated professional that support the district's mission, by providing service oriented enforcement of the law, maintaining the peace and protecting our school community. The department is comprised of 55 peace officers, 102 security officers, and 9 staff members.

- All High Schools are staffed with 1 Sergeant, 4 police officers and 10 security officers;
- 9th Grade Annex is staffed with 2 police officers and 3 security officers;
- Step Academy is staffed with 3 police officers and two security officers;
- All Middle Schools are staffed with 2 police officers and 2-3 security officers depending on student ratio;
- 6th Grade Annex is staffed with 2 Security Officers
- All Elementary Schools are staffed with 1 security officer;
- We have two Sergeants that oversee middle schools and elementary schools (north and south sectors);
- We have two roving police officers that patrol the elementary schools (north and south sectors);
- We have two night patrol police officers that patrol throughout the district; respond to security alarm calls, and ensure integrity of district property and buildings;
- We have 24 hour Radio Operators that is responsible for the direction and control of all police radio communications to report any incidents after normal school and working hours;
- We have 3 K-9 Handlers to deter the introduction of illegal drugs to school and confiscate them when they are detected;
- We have 3 night security officers assigned at South Transportation Compound, Student Activity Center, and Kruger Field; and
- We have two Lieutenants that oversee the field operations of North and South Campuses.

CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS: We have a 24 hours Crime Stoppers Program that maintain a school safety hotline to provide to students, personnel and members of the community an anonymous way to report suspected illegal activities. The district's "Safe Schools Tip Line" is a 24 hour number 285-UISD (285-8473) where anyone can anonymously report any type of criminal activities.

METAL DETECTORS: Metal Detectors are installed in all high school and middle schools as a means of decreasing the number of weapons being brought to school. Therefore, they are considered administrative searches and may provide reasonable suspicion for further individualized searches.

SECURITY SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS: Cameras are located in strategic places indoors and outside throughout the school campuses. We also have 6 50" Plasma Televisions in our Police Radio Operator's Room that are use to monitor each school to maintain secure facilities, deter crime, prevent vandalism, and monitor parking lots.

RAPTOR SYSTEM: Instantly screens out registered sex offenders from campuses with children while managing custody issues, visitors, students, faculty and volunteers.

UISD Emergency Response

UISD – PD Emergency Response Protocol

- Department response protocol
- Local area law enforcement communication
 - Notifications
 - Post event debriefings
- Local area law enforcement joint trainings
 - Campus SWAT trainings
 - Remote security camera access
- Joint Task Force participation

Administrator On Call Program

UISD maintains an Administrator On Call Program (AOC) whose sole purpose is to provide for an immediate notification and response to emergency situations at a campus or department. The AOC has the authority of the Superintendent to make emergency decisions. Campus/department administrators need only make 1 call to the AOC and then return to managing any immediate emergency they are having at their campus/crises. The one call will result in the district directing all necessary assistance that that administrator.

UISD – Campus/Department Emergency Response Training

Fire Drills	Monthly
Lockdown Drills	2 x year
Shelter in Place	2 x year
Reverse Evacuations	2 x year
Severe Weather	2 x year

District Wide Safety & Security Audits (TEC 37.108c)

Detailed internal safety and security audit conducted for all campuses and departments with findings reported to the Texas School Safety Center. This major audit is in addition to the annual Safety & Security audits conducted by the Risk Management Department just prior to the annual Laredo Fire Department Fire Safety Inspections.

Emergency Operations Partners

UISD is a member of the city wide Emergency Operations Center (EOC) directed by the City of Laredo Fire Chief. The EOC responds to all city wide emergency situations and coordinates the activities of all first responders including law enforcement, fire protection, and health organizations.