

Santa Fe Safety and Security Committee
Meeting minutes
Cowan Administration Building
February 26, 2025 4:30pm-5:30pm

Members present: Chief Ruben Espinoza, Chris Anderson, Eliud Arredondo, James Grassmuck, Rachel Harris, Chris Harrison, Rusty Norman, Jesse Ryholt, Chief Robert Shores, Jennifer Smith, and Bob Wylie.

Chief Espinoza opened the meeting at 4:30pm

Old Business discussed:

- 2025 Cops grant update – Still waiting for this year's Cops grant to open for new application.
- The two-way radios arrived and were put into service. Campus radios are now available on each campus to include ALC. Officers can now communicate on these radios district wide. Additional hand-held radios are still needed. The district sold the old radios to another Texas district.
- The SFISD Police Department was awarded funds from the state Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant for additional ballistic shields. The shields were ordered, arrived and are now in service.
- Cybersecurity Annex along with updating the Basic Plan were both submitted in September to Texas State Texas School Safety Center as mandated. We are still waiting for their acceptance of both documents.

New Business discussed:

- The district had two additional Intruder Detection Audits (IDA) at two campuses. The committee discussed TEA Final reports for each IDA.
- The district was able to use SAFE grant funds to purchase the stairwell speakers for 5 stairwells in the High School, which have proven to be very successful.
- TEA arrived at SFISD on February 20th, to conduct the new District Vulnerability Assessment (DVA). The committee discussed the details of the report.
- COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) The School Board has initiated the Critical Response Assessment. A work plan with an itinerary has been provided.
- SFISD Police Department vacancies. Currently, we have 3 officer positions, 1 Campus Safety Assistant position and 1 Crossing guard spot open.
- ALC Campus tour.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

Next meeting will be held July 30th 4:30pm-6:00pm at the Cowan Administration building
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