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SCHERTZ POLICE DEPARTMENT TOWN HALL MEETING
October 17, 2026
9:30 A.M.

The Schertz Police Department Town Hall Meeting was held at Fire Station #3, 11917 Lower Seguin Rd, Schertz, Texas, on October 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.
The following members present to-wit:

Present: Mayor Ralph Rodriguez; Councilmember Paul Macaluso; Councilmember Ben Guerrero; Councilmember Robert Westbrook; Councilmember Robert Sheridan

Staff present: Police Chief Jim Lowery; Asst. Police Chief Phillip Waller; Lt. of Uniform Services Kelly Kallies; Assistant City Secretary Irene Chavez

Enhancing Public Safety with Technology:
Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) and Drone as First Responder (DFR)

Chief Lowery welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda for the meeting. The Goal is: Safer Community, Smarter Policing

Assistant Police Chief Phillip Waller presented a PowerPoint on Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRS). He explained that ALPRs are cameras with software that automatically capture and read license plates in public places by taking still photos. This information helps officers quickly identify vehicles linked to crimes, missing persons, or stolen property.

Lt of Uniform Services Kelly Kallies presented the Drone First Responder Program (DFRs). The DFR program will better manage resources (officers, dispatchers), reduce wasted time and money, and allow officers to respond to higher priority calls.

Chief Lowery reviewed the Safeguards and Oversight will be in place to ensure accountability.

- Discipline up to termination and arrest
- Misuse of Information-PC 39.06
- Abuse of Official Capacity-PC 39.02
- Tampering with Governmental Record-PC 37.10

Faster Response: ALPRS and DFRs provide officers with accurate information sooner, so they can make better decisions while en route or assist in investigations.

- Efficient Use of Resources: Ability to be a force multiplier by clearing calls that may not need a ground response to ensure officers stay available for true emergencies
- Officer & Public Safety: Real-Time awareness reduces the risk for everyone involved in high-stress incidents and enables faster suspect identification and location

- Accountability: Strong policies, limited retention, and regular audits keep technology focused on public safety and public trust

Chief Lowery adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

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Ralph Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheila Edmondson, TRMC
City Secretary