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SCHERTZ POLICE DEPARTMENT TOWN HALL MEETING
October 19, 2026
6:00 p.m.

The Schertz Police Department Town Hall Meeting was held at the Schertz Civic Center, City of Schertz, Texas, on October 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hal Baldwin Municipal Complex Council Chambers, 1400 Schertz Parkway, Building #4, Schertz, Texas. The following members present to-wit:

Present:	Mayor Ralph Rodriguez; Councilmember Michelle Watson; Councilmember Paul Macaluso; Councilmember Ben Guerrero; Councilmember Robert Westbrook; Councilmember Sarah Dietz; Councilmember Robert Sheridan
Staff present:	Police Chief Jim Lowery; Assistant Police Chief Daniel Roman; Assistant Police Chief Phillip Waller; Lt. Uniform Services Kelly Kallies; City Secretary Sheila Edmondson

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 tonight. The Goal is: Safer Community, Smarter Policing

Assistant Police Chief Phillip Waller presented the following Powerpoint on Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRS). He explained that ALPRs are cameras with software that automatically capture and reads 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 have the ability to better manage resources (officers, dispatchers) reduces wasted time and money, and allows officers to respond to higher priority calls. The use of this technology will allow our officers

- Faster Response: ALPRS and DFRs allow for accurate information available to officers 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 faster suspect identification and location
- Accountability: Strong policies, limited retention, and regular audits keep technology focused on public safety and public trust.

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DFR program will have the ability to better manage resources (officers, dispatchers) reduces wasted time and money, and allows officers to respond to higher priority calls.

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

The Schertz Police Department wants to ensure public trust is held with the technology and investigative tools we use.

Chief Lowery adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

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Ralph Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheila Edmondson, TRMC
City Secretary