



SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD

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SFDRCISD POLICE DEPARTMENT GETS PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION GRANT

Last week, the San Felipe Del Rio C.I.S.D. Police Department received notice of a grant award through the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division that would enable the local law enforcement agency to upgrade their technology infrastructure to allow for and support the submission of data to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) National Incident Based System (NIBRS).

SFDRCISD Police Chief Duane Maldonado announced that the District would receive nearly \$37K towards the purchase and installation of a records management system. Funds must be used for solutions that upgrade the agency's technology infrastructure to allow for and support incident-based reporting to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) as well as maximize the automation of the data submission.

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) established a goal set by the Texas Legislature for all local law enforcement agencies to implement and report crime statistics data by using the requirements of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) no later than September 1, 2019. Additionally, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) will collect required crime statistics solely through the NIBRS starting January 1, 2021. Due to these upcoming state and federal deadlines, the District was able to take the opportunity to apply for financial grant assistance through the Criminal Justice Division.

"The implementation of the records management system (RMS) will help standardize practices and records across departments and agencies. NIBRS reports in real-time as the report is being written" explained Chief Maldonado. "Not only does the RMS ensure that the District's reports are compliant, they dramatically increase the accuracy of the agency's reporting as soon as they've been completed and that no invalid reports get submitted. We are looking forward to introducing this intuitive technology to our department. This system will significantly reduce hours off of the traditional process of reporting."