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### **Utilizing technology during Spring Break**

**South Padre Island, TX, Mar. 7, 2017:** Technology is becoming increasingly intertwined with the daily work of law enforcement. The software, hardware, and communication networks can equip officers to further their ability to serve and protect South Padre Island.

"Our number one priority is the safety and well-being of our guests and residents," said City Manager Susan Guthrie. "By using the latest technology, we can leverage our resources even further."

The City of South Padre Island Police Department will utilize modernized equipment in the effort to safeguard the community. These technological advancements assist law enforcement officers in the field and include:

- In-car digital video equipment.
- Body cameras.
- Automated License Plate Recognition cameras (ALPR).
- Surveillance camera located at the base of the causeway, westbound lanes.
- Temporarily mounted surveillance cameras strategically placed at popular events known to draw large populations.
- Drones for searches, investigations, traffic evaluation and to identify problem areas.
- Watch towers equipped with infrared cameras.
- Use of intelligence gathered by state and federal partners.

Spring Break Texas Week is scheduled Saturday, Mar. 11 – Sunday, Mar. 19, 2017.

"Our police department is constantly training and preparing officers for any situation," said Police Chief Randy Smith. "However, we anticipate a fun and peaceful Spring Break."

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