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Enhancing public safety through advanced technology

South Padre Island, TX, March 1, 2018: The South Padre Island Robotics Integration Team (Drone Team) began as a police initiative that blossomed into a multi-department, City-wide program. These technological advancements will assist law enforcement officers in the field.

The City of South Padre Island Police Department will utilize technology in the effort to safeguard the community, including:

- In-Car Digital Video Equipment
- Updated Body Camera Technology
- Automated License Plate Recognition Cameras (ALPR)
- Surveillance Cameras
- Temporarily Mounted Surveillance Cameras Strategically Placed at Popular Events Known to Draw Large Crowds

Drone deployment for emergencies and non-emergencies such as:

- Fire Scene Inspection
- Disaster Site Monitoring & Mapping
- SWAT Operations
- Search for Missing Persons
- Natural Disaster Monitoring
- Contamination - Tracking & Monitoring
- Maritime Search & Rescue
- Post-Disaster Relief Operations
- Departmental Training
- Re-Create Traffic Accidents
- Spring Break Safety Surveillance
- Digital Elevation
- Terrain Modelling
- Building Inspection

"Using advanced technology can equip officers to further their ability to serve and protect South Padre Island," said Randy Smith, police chief. "We are looking forward to a safe and enjoyable Spring Break."

Spring Break Texas Week is scheduled for Saturday, March 10 – Sunday, March 18, 2018.

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