

Santa Fe Independent School District Selects Mutualink School Safety Emergency Communications Solution

SANTA FE, TX Santa Fe Independent School District (TX) announced that the district will connect with the Santa Fe ISD Police Department with Mutualink's K12 school safety solution. Santa Fe joins hundreds of schools and law enforcement agencies nationwide who collaborate via radio, text and video to keep students safe.

Santa Fe ISD spans 72 square miles in Galveston County. Located just a few miles off Interstate 45, the District encompasses the city of Santa Fe, parts of League City, Dickinson, LaMarque, and Hitchcock. Santa Fe ISD retains a rural flavor while having city amenities close at hand. The District is 5-A which serves approximately 4,800 students and is growing at a moderate, consistent rate. District staff totals approximately 650 providing a student/teacher ratio that averages 18.1.

Santa Fe ISD is continuously monitoring and evaluating school resources, programs, policies and processes to ensure they are helping the District fulfill its purpose of providing the best educational experience for all students. The implementation of Mutualink is a part of Santa Fe ISD's continuous improvement strategy to promote the District's school security and safety enhancement initiative. This initiative includes procuring police vehicles, upgrading body-worn cameras, implementing bus cameras, fortifying fencing and access points, and implementing direct interoperable communications and information sharing with first responders. Administrators, security personnel and the Board of Trustees embarked on a highly collaborative community-driven process to identify strengths and opportunities for improvement.

"Our district has researched and identified the most operationally effective and impactful security and safety technologies that are available for our schools. Mutualink offers an enhanced capability essential to enabling a quick, coordinated and effective response with our first responders. As a result, we are able to immediately connect with public safety entities permitting direct communication with us. They have the ability see what is happening, providing critical information that speeds action, preventing and resolving a dangerous situation. In the Mutualink solution we found a day-to-day platform for interaction with our partners and the ability to be prepared for any emergency or coordinate security for events."

The panic button and interoperable communications platform provided by Mutualink for connection with the police department will enable faster, more responsive communications during emergencies, as well as improved daily interactions between schools. Each school will be equipped with:

- An Interoperable WorkStation (IWS)
- Mobile interoperability for School Liaison Officers (SLOs)

- Radio and video gateways
- Panic button app for teachers and staff

In addition, the Santa Fe ISD Police Department will use Mutualink Edge IWS software to collaborate with the schools.

Mark Hatten, Mutualink CEO, says, “Mutualink will enable the Santa Fe school district to save time in communicating and coordinating with law enforcement. The sharing of live streaming video and bridged radio and phone communications is proven to reduce the time to incident resolution. Schools who have been using our platform for several months note overall improved daily communications, as well.”

About Mutualink, Inc.

Mutualink, Inc. developed an interoperable communications platform that enables multimedia sharing of radio, voice, text, video, and data communications in a secure environment. Mutualink’s system is deployed by public and private entities worldwide, including for homeland security, police and fire departments, schools and universities, transit authorities, hospitals, utilities, shopping malls, and casinos. Mutualink is a privately-held company headquartered in Wallingford, CT, with R&D facilities in Westford, MA, Mayagüez, PR and Allen, TX. For more information visit www.mutualink.net.

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