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## Press Release

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### **HPDPS Completes Migration to P25 Compliant Digital Radio System**

**April 30, 2021 (Highland Park, Texas)** – Highland Park Department of Public Safety (HPDPS) has completed the migration and integration process of an advanced and sophisticated radio platform, the Project 25 Digital Radio System (P25). The migration to the P25 radio system is part of a greater partnership with the City of University Park and the Garland-Mesquite-Rowlett-Sachse (GMRS) P25 public safety consortium. The partnership with University Park and the integration with GMRS offers communications interoperability with all area public safety agencies. The previous radio system, a commercial grade UHF digital radio, had reached the end of its service life and lacked the interoperability and functionality so vital to meeting the P25 compliance standards for public safety radio communications.

The migration to the P25 compliant radio system included the replacement of all dispatch consoles in the HPDPS Communications Center, replacement of mobile radios in police/fire/EMS vehicles, and replacement of handheld radios carried by HPDPS personnel. Three cell sites were added in the Park Cities to support the new radio platform. Funding for the Highland Park radio system was made possible by the Highland Park Capital Improvement Plan, and in cooperation with the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Transit Related Improvement Program (TRIP).

The P25 compliant radio system far exceeds the previous UHF digital radio by offering a wider coverage area, enhanced voice clarity, and signal strength needed to penetrate the walls and basements of commercial structures. From design to implementation, HPDPS is pleased with the smooth transition to a two-way radio system specifically created to meet our current and future radio communication needs.

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