

Smith County Texas-Ahead of the Curve When It Comes to School Safety

SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS, US, January 25, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In the wake of the recent [Department of Justice \(DOJ\) report](#) on the Uvalde shooting incident at Robb Elementary, Smith County Sheriff, Larry Smith, is taking decisive action to enhance school safety across East Texas. The report highlighted a concerning delay of more than 77 minutes for law enforcement to enter the classrooms and confront the shooter.

Sheriff Larry Smith expressed deep concern over the report, emphasizing the need to prioritize the safety of children in schools. "There's nothing more innocent than children. They deserve our support and they deserve to be able to learn without having to be concerned about what is going to happen next in their school," said Sheriff Smith.

The decision was made to make school safety a top priority by installing Mutualink in Whitehouse ISD back in the fall of 2023 in order to address this critical issue of time. Sheriff Smith and other law enforcement in East Texas conducted thorough research and

decided to implement Mutualink, the world leader in critical response collaboration. "The first thing that drew us to Mutualink is radio interoperability. We can talk to each other once a button is pushed, and all law enforcement and first responders are tied together, putting eyes and ears



Mutualink Evacuation Simulation in Whitehouse ISD



Mutualink System being used in Smith County 911 Dispatch Center

on the situation within seconds. If you can't communicate, you can't coordinate," explained Sheriff Smith.

Mutualink's LNK360 activation is based in the Smith County Sheriff's 911 Dispatch Center, providing a centralized hub for efficient communication. Chief Deputy Jimmy Jackson expressed confidence in the system's ability to respond swiftly in an emergency. "With Mutualink, when the dispatcher gets that notification, within seconds it allows us to put some eyes and ears in the school. This gives us critical information that helps us save lives in an emergency."



Mutualink: Saving Minutes When Every Second Counts

Chief Deputy Jackson further emphasized the benefits of the Mutualink system, stating, "When officers get dispatched to that call, they are able to access 'real-time' information, and knowing what you are walking into helps you make decisions, plan, and gives you peace of mind. Using innovative technology ought to be at the forefront of everyone's mind."

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