

New Emergency Operations Center opens



neously communicate with all responding agencies in the event of an emergency.

Key features of the new Emergency Operations Center, located at 1703 Wilson Road in Humble, include: a secure dispatch center; a secure evidence storage room; separate adult and juvenile processing areas; a secure, enclosed drive-through area for the transport of offenders in compliance with state guidelines; a conference room with data and communication infrastructure for emergency management; and administrative, staff and training office space.

Pictured at left, Police Sergeant James Hall, Humble ISD Police Chief Solomon Cook and Officer Amy Cruz expect the new facility to provide a greater level of security for police activity.

Student safety is always a top priority, and Humble ISD's Emergency Operations Center was designed with security in mind. The new building, which houses Humble ISD Safe & Secure Schools as well as the Humble ISD Police Department, allows police officers and emergency management officials to work most effectively and make use of technology to meet the safety and security needs of schools.

"My wife and I have two daughters who attend Humble ISD schools. I believe that safe and secure schools are extremely important and add great value to our community and peace of mind to all parents in our district," Humble ISD Board President Brent Engelage said.

Construction funding was provided by bonds approved by voters in 2008. Humble ISD was also awarded \$394,000 in the federally funded Readiness and Emergency Management in Schools (REMS) Grant. Part of this grant was used to obtain a state-of-the-art emergency communications console that allows the Humble ISD Police Dispatch to simulta-

Pictured below, Director of Safe and Secure Schools Steve Cooper and Emergency Management Coordinator and Police Corporal Shannon Sharp expect the building to serve as a communications hub during times of emergency.

