

## Humble ISD is celebrating the 20th anniversary of its Police Department with an open house and special program.

Humble ISD is celebrating the 20th anniversary of its Police Department on Wednesday, May 7, at the new Emergency Operations Center with an open house from 9-11 a.m. and a special program at 9:30 a.m. Both the celebraton and open house are open to the public. The Humble ISD Emergency Operations Center is located at 1703 Wilson Road, in Humble.

All Humble ISD Police Officers are commissioned peace officers licensed by the State of Texas. They have the same arrest powers and authority as other Peace Officers in the State of Texas, with one difference; The Humble ISD Police Department is a highly trained force specializing in the critical but delicate protection of the students and staff of the district. Utilizing special training and police tactics that focus on the areas of school related law enforcement and protection, the Department works together to address the very special needs of our schools.

Back in January 1994, the Humble ISD board of trustees voted to apply to the state for a school district police department. Don Maddox was named Chief of Police, and several security officers were hired. Captain Solomon Cook became Chief of Police in 2003. Chief Cook has been with Humble ISD since 1997, and was a School Resource Officer with the City of Humble before coming to Humble ISD.

The Humble ISD Police Department has grown to include 50 police officers, one administrative assistant, six full- and part-time dispatchers and five security officers. The patrol fleet has 42 units. The fully equipped, marked patrol vehicles are utilized 24 hours a day by the patrol division. Police department personnel patrol

the district's facilities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and respond to alarms and calls for service. Humble ISD police officers issue citations, complete offense reports, and make arrests. Officers also provide security at district athletic events and other campus functions. The police fleet also includes several unmarked vehicles.

The Humble ISD Police Department is a Police Training Provider for the state of Texas. Currently, there are 187 Contract Training Providers in the state and only six of those are Independent School District police departments.

