

# Congressman Ted Poe tours Humble ISD's New Emergency Operations Center



U.S. Congressman Ted Poe visited Humble ISD's Emergency Operations Center today. 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. Poe was interested in how the center would help Humble ISD schools, the community, and the larger Houston area in a time of natural disaster, such as a hurricane.

Funding for the EOC 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 simultaneously communicate with all responding agencies in the event of an emergency.

Features of the EOC 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 from left, Humble ISD Police Sergeant James Hall, Technology Coordinator-Safe and Secure Schools Jennifer Winter, Congressman Ted Poe, Emergency Management Coordinator and Police Corporal Shannon Sharp, and Director of Maintenance and Operations Kenny Kendrick.*