



# News Release

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### ***City Public Safety Radio System Goes Digital; Integrates with Denton County***

Today the Highland Village public safety radio system officially switched to migrate with the Denton County digital system. The new system significantly improves reception and provides regional interoperability. The transition to the Denton County P25 digital system is one part of the public safety project funded in the 2015-2016 budget.

“The migration to the new digital public safety radio system is an example of communication and a successful partnership with Denton County Commissioners Court, Denton County Sheriff's Office and Highland Village officials and staff to benefit residents of the region and provide enhanced safety for area first responders,” stated City Manager Michael Leavitt.

In June 2015 Highland Village staff met with Denton County officials to discuss the development of a regional public safety radio system. Since the 1980's Highland Village subscribed to the City of Lewisville analog trunked radio system which did not meet the requirement of new P25 standards for radio communication systems. The City made the decision to move to the Denton County system which included the transition to digital radios. In conjunction with the digital radio system, a recent review of the City's public safety system recommended a switch to Integrated Computer Systems (ICS) to allow computer aided dispatch and records management to potentially integrate with Denton County and area cities.

In the 2015-2016 budget year, City Council approved the issuance of a \$1.5M tax note for the public safety project and targeted public works projects. The public safety component addressed moving into compliance with a digital public safety radio system, integrating with Denton County, updating dispatch consoles to utilize the digital system and installing the new ICS computer aided dispatch and records management system. The public safety project is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2016.