

## Chief of POLICE

### CFISD moves forward on formation of police department

The district named Alan Bragg its first chief of police during the regularly scheduled Board meeting on Monday, Dec. 12.

Bragg comes to CFISD from Spring ISD, where he served 21 years as the chief of police after implementing the full-service, 24-hour department in 1990.

"We're delighted to welcome Chief Bragg to the Cy-Fair family," said Dr. Mark Henry, superintendent of schools. "His wealth of experience in public education law enforcement—especially the first-hand knowledge of forming a department from the ground up—will be invaluable in building a CFISD Police Department."

His experience includes serving as a lieutenant for the Houston ISD police department from 1981-1990; a police officer for Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, from 1978-1981; and a police officer for the City of Wichita Falls from 1972-1978.

Bragg studied criminal justice at Midwestern State. He is a graduate of the Wichita Falls Police Academy, the FBI National Academy and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Series (LEEDS). He is licensed as a Master Peace Officer through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE), a state agency created by the 59th Texas Legislature.

Offices held in professional organizations include past president of the Houston Area Police Chiefs Association, and he currently is serving as vice president of the Texas School District Police Chiefs Association.

"I am honored to serve as chief of police for the new department in Cy-Fair ISD," Bragg said. "I look forward to assuming this important leadership role and creating a model law enforcement agency within the district."



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Alan Bragg's passion for school district law enforcement is not a coincidence.

As a teenager growing up in Wichita Falls, Texas, he was inspired by a pair of police officers who moonlighted at the local burger hangout.

"They showed us respect and treated us fairly. They let us be kids, while letting us know where the line was at and that we couldn't cross it without repercussions," Bragg recalls. "Those two guys influenced us a lot, and I began thinking more seriously about doing this as a career."

In December, Bragg's 40-year career brought him to CFISD, where he accepted the newly created **chief of police** position for the district's first police department.

Chief Bragg is overseeing the district's transition plan from Harris County Precinct 4 Constable's Office deputies—whose contracts with the district will expire on Dec. 31—to a full-fledged department with **CFISD police officers**.

"There's a lot of legwork to do before then, but we're hoping to have a portion of our officers on board for the first day of school," Bragg said.

By late spring, Bragg plans on posting positions for an approximate 60-member staff, including **security officers**, as well as a **command staff** of six **officers** whose positions are currently posted. Besides staffing the newly formed CFISD-PD, he will be

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From her post at the **security building** on Telge Road, **lead dispatcher** Gloria Williams keeps an eye on the school district and take calls on potential emergency situations.

## Fast Facts

- » Full-service department by Jan. 1, 2013
- » Command staff of about 4-6 supervisors
- » Officer staff of about 60, including security officers
- » One of about 175 school district police departments in Texas
- » Implementation of a full-service department by Chief Bragg in Spring ISD in 1990



The **Ben D. Bradley Security Center** on Telge Road will house CFISD's **new police department**. Chief Bragg hopes to eventually expand the 5,000 square-foot facility.

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establishing an infrastructure and branding the department's identity through uniforms, vehicles and a new logo. Bragg hopes the 5,000-square-foot **Ben D. Bradley Security Center** on Telge Road will be expanded into a larger facility.

"The example I've been giving school principals as I've been visiting them over the last few weeks is that it's as if they built a new school and they hired me as a principal, and I have to develop a school mascot, colors and everything," he said. "It's truly being built from the ground up."

Bragg has valuable experience in that area. He came to CFISD from Spring ISD, where he implemented a full-service, 24-hour department in 1990. At that time, Spring was the 33rd Texas school district to form its own police department. There are currently 175 in the state.

While CFISD (186 square miles) is three times the size of Spring, Bragg explained that the key is forming a reliable **core operational staff**. Once the team develops operational procedures, processes and regulations, officers will be added to account for future student growth.

Although the district is large, Bragg said that he has been impressed by what's happening inside of it.

"My first impression was that the facilities were incredibly well-designed, well-maintained, safe and

secure and welcoming," he said. "After meeting with all the administrative teams, I know that education and safety are priorities and that they're committed to these children."

*Potential candidates for officer positions are encouraged to submit résumés to Chief Alan Bragg at 11200 Telge Road, Cypress TX 77429. Résumés will be kept on file and candidates will be called once positions are posted.*



When CFISD's contract with the Harris County Precinct 4 Constables Office expires on Dec. 31, **the district police department's governance** will take effect.

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## CFPD Officers

**Q** Are CFPD officers real police officers?

**A** Yes.

**Q** Can CFPD officers make arrests off campus?

**A** Yes. They can make arrests both on and off campus.

**Q** Can a CFPD officer issue a traffic ticket?

**A** Yes. CFPD officers are authorized to issue traffic citations. CFPD has traffic units that monitor speed in school zones using radar, on or off school property.



The uniforms and vehicles of the CFPD are black decorated with two badge logos.

The inaugural police department command staff was announced during the June Board meeting. Of 160 applicants, the six law enforcement officers (pictured above) were selected to lead the district's first police department: (L-R) Lt. Michael Benford, former Houston ISD PD lieutenant; Sgt. Mike Schultz, former Spring ISD PD sergeant; CFISD Police Chief Alan Bragg; Assistant Chief Mike Baker, former Meadows Place PD chief of police; Capt. Matthew Williams, former Victoria College PD chief of police; Sgt. Jimmy Banks, former Spring ISD PD lieutenant; and Sgt. Joseph Sanders, former Hedwig Village PD sergeant. Positions are currently being filled to complete the approximate 60-member CFPD staff so that the department may serve the CFISD community.

Read future editions of *eConnection* for updates on the CFPD.