

Joint Projects with Brazos County

Ongoing and Past Collaborative Efforts having success

PUBLIC SAFETY

- 1. County Wide Mutual Aid** - establishing shared (police, fire, EMS, and more) resources on a regular basis and in a time of crises. This agreement provides for equipment and personnel to work outside their employed jurisdiction. The agreement is between Brazos County, Texas; Brazos County Volunteer Fire Departments 1,2 &3; South Brazos County Volunteer Fire Department; the City of Bryan, Texas; the City of College Station, Texas; the City of Kurten, Texas; the City of Wixon Valley, Texas; and Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.
Hazardous Material response - The City of College Station takes the lead with support from the City of Bryan.
Technical Rescue - The City of Bryan takes the lead with support from the City of College Station.
Marine Rescue - The City of Bryan takes the lead with support from the City of College Station.
Mobile Command Post - This vehicle is provided by City of College Station.
- 2. Regional Mutual Aid** - establishing shared resources on a regular basis and in a time of crises upon request from another jurisdiction. This agreement provides for equipment and personnel to work outside their employed jurisdiction within the boundaries of the Brazos Valley Council of Governments. The agreement is between Brazos County, Texas; Burleson County, Texas; Grimes County, Texas; Leon County, Texas; Madison County, Texas; Robertson County, Texas; Washington County, Texas and the entities within.
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- 3. Automatic Aid** - The College Station Fire Department and the Bryan Fire Department have automatic aid agreement agreements with the County whereby the City of College Station serves the southern part of the County and the City of Bryan serves the northern part of the County.
- 4. Scotty's House** - CSFD,CSPD, BFD, BPD, Brazos County Sheriff's Office and Red Cross sponsor an annual baseball tournament to raise money for this charity for children.
- 5. Brazos Valley Animal Shelter** - Both Cities provide funds for the operations of the animal shelter and have for a number of years.
- 6. E-911** - Both cities participate in the E-911 program and have representatives on the Brazos 911 Board. The City of College Station has a separate public safety answering point (PSAP)

which is the backup for the Brazos 911 PSAP and the Brazos 911 PSAP is the backup for City of College Station

7. **Emergency Management Planning and Coordination** – The Interjurisdictional Emergency Management Program was established in 2003 with both cities participating. Standardized emergency plans have been developed by and for all governmental entities in the county.
8. **Reverse 911 Ringback Notification System** - This is a program that uses a combination of database and GIS (computer mapping) technologies. It is capable of quickly targeting a precise geographic area and saturating it with thousands of calls per hour. A database of groups of individuals with common characteristics such as a Neighborhood Crime Watch group or emergency personnel has been created for contacting a specific group rapidly whenever necessary. The Cities of Bryan and College Station, Brazos County, Brazos County 911 District and Texas A&M University participate in the cost of maintenance of this service.
9. **Joint Crime Fighting Efforts** – The Cities of College Station and Bryan, Brazos County and TAMU participate in joint investigator and crime analyst meetings monthly. The same agencies participate in the local FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (P&DS)

10. **Joint Subdivision Construction Standards** - The Cities of College Station and Bryan along with Brazos County have working on joint subdivision construction standards. Water and sewer standards are complete with street standards soon to follow.
11. **Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Plan** – The City participated in the creation of an ITS Plan for the TxDOT region. The governmental entities in the region participating in this plan were Brazos County, TAMU, Sam Houston University, Blinn College, City of Bryan and many more. An ITS Plan is required prior to entities in the region being granted federal funding from certain types of federal programs.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

12. **Research Valley Partnership** - The City of College Station, in partnership with the City of Bryan and Brazos County provide funds for the RVP, a regional economic development agency which provides marketing and recruitment services to the community as well as coordinates incentive packages to prospects to prevent unnecessary competition between the two cities for new businesses.
13. **Joint Economic Incentives** – The City collaborated with the County to provide tax abatement to the following firms; HTRI, SourceNet Solutions, UCS, Viatel, Prodigene, O.I. Corp, Hewlett-Packard, Schlumberger.
14. **Tax Increment Financing**
 - Melrose TIF (complete) - CSISD, Brazos County, City of College Station
 - Wolf Pen Creek - CSISD, Brazos County, City of College Station
 - WPC Conference Center (terminated) - CSISD, Brazos County, and City of College Station.

- 30/60 Conference Center (terminated) - Brazos County and City of College Station
15. **Wayfinding** - Economic Development Department initiated discussions on funding common wayfinding signage throughout the community. Community partners that were approached include Texas A & M University, Brazos County, and the City of Bryan. Brazos County elected not to participate in funding. The University, College Station and the City of Bryan are jointly funding a wayfinding study which is currently underway and it is anticipated that multiple entities will participate in funding the actual signage.

CITY ADMINISTRATION

16. **Brazos Beautiful** - Both Bryan, College Station, and Brazos County are contributors to this organization whose goal is to beautify the entire area.
17. **Joint Health and Safety Expo** – The City of College Station and Bryan along with Brazos County participate in a joint Health and Safety Expo that is designed to focus on wellness. The event is held on an annual basis.
18. **Health Coverage Collaboration** - In 2003, the City entered into an interlocal purchasing agreement with the City of Bryan and Brazos County to develop a collective purchasing group health insurance program.
19. **Joint Purchasing Activities** - The City of College Station has interlocal agreements for joint purchasing activities with the following agencies; TAMU, City of Bryan, Brazos County, Burleson County, BVCOG, College Station ISD, Brazos 911 and Texas Forest Service. Successful joint purchases with Brazos have included health insurance and fuel.
20. **Vendor Training** - The City of College Station coordinates quarterly vendor training through the Small Business Development Center. Participating agencies include City of Bryan, Brazos County, Bryan ISD and College Station ISD. We call it “Local Government and Local Business Working Together”. This training is intended to show local businesses how to do business with local governments.
21. **Surplus Property Disposal** - Interlocal Agreements for miscellaneous purchasing activities also allow us to dispose of surplus property through joint auctions. In the past, we have conducted joint ‘live’ auctions together. However, with the electronic capabilities to hold on-line auctions, each agency is disposing of surplus property more efficiently and effectively through their individual agreements for on-line auction services.
22. **Joint Vendor Fair** - The City of College Station coordinates quarterly vendor training through the Small Business Development Center. Participating agencies include City of Bryan, Brazos County, Bryan ISD and College Station ISD. We call it “Local Government and Local Business Working Together”. This training is intended to show local businesses how to do business with local governments.
23. **Brazos Valley Community Network (BVCNet)** - BVCNet is a joint project involving CSISD, BISD, COCS, COB, Blinn College, Brazos County, BVCOG, RVP, St. Joseph Medical Center and TAMU which connects all these entities to a central point at TAMU via fiber optic lines. This project allows the Internet traffic between these entities to flow through the interconnections without going out to the general Internet world. It also provides access to the Internet to citizens throughout the community by placing computer systems

with Internet access in strategic areas accessible by the underserved. There are several projects being worked on by the two cities which are dependant on the connectivity provided by this project.

24. **Sharing of GIS Aerials** – The City of College Station shares its aerial flyover photos and data with City of Bryan, Brazos County and TAMU. The City of Bryan shares the same type of data with the City of College Station.

Collaborative Efforts being considered by the City of College Station and Brazos County

1. **800 MHz Radio System Access** – Interlocal agreement to allow access to the radio system of participating law enforcement agencies, Bryan PD, TAMU Police, and Brazos County Sheriff's Office.
2. **Electronic Sharing of Municipal Court Offense Information** – The County currently permits personnel in the City's Municipal Court to view offense information in the Justice of the Peace (JP) Court system. This is allowed only over the BVCNet so that the data never travels over the Internet. Both the County Courts and the City of Bryan Municipal Court have access to the City of College Station Municipal Court offense records, this is also over the BVCNet. When defendants have committed similar offenses in the past the current offense may be advanced for a larger penalty.
3. **Low Power AM Emergency Advisory Radio System** - An agreement has been entered into between COCS, COB, Brazos County and Brazos 911 to place five (5) of these systems throughout the area: one in College Station, one in Bryan, and three outside the cities in Brazos County. College Station is tasked with negotiating with vendors on all these systems. Each entity may add additional tower sites at their discretion, College Station plans to have one additional tower site.
4. **Hotel Conference Center** - The Economic Development Department is currently collaborating with the County to create a TIF for the funding of a publicly owned conference center.

Future Collaborative Efforts

1. **Remote Arraignment** - This would use existing equipment, infrastructure and software to allow the Justice of the Peace Court to arraign detainees while the detainees remain in the College Station PD holding cells. This requires connectivity through the BVCNet.
2. **Remote Booking of Detainees** - This would allow the booking of both County and City detainees in the College Station Police Department. Once a detainee is taken to the County facility the entire booking process will not be required a second time. This requires connectivity through the BVCNet.
3. **Fingerprint Sharing** - This would allow the County and the City to share all fingerprint data and the City fingerprint data could be compared to state files through the County system. This requires connectivity through the BVCNet.