



AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

MEETING NAME:	City Council
MEETING DATE:	May 18, 2026
ITEM TITLE:	Consider and take appropriate action on report from staff regarding Wolfforth PD and future training facility needs
STAFF INITIATOR:	Patrick Austin, Chief of Police

BACKGROUND:

Wolfforth police officers attend various training annually, including firearms training. During FY 2025, officers averaged 159 reported training hours each. Wolfforth police officers are also required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) to demonstrate firearms proficiency at least annually.

Historically, the Wolfforth Police Department has utilized the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) Regional Law Enforcement Academy Firing Range, located at Reese Center, to complete regular firearms training and to comply with annual firearms proficiency. During the first quarter of 2026, SPAG received notice that Reese Center was changing ownership, and they would need to find a new firing range. SPAG's loss of the firing range not only affected them, but it also affected the Wolfforth Police Department.

After receiving the news of SPAG's firing range closure, we reviewed alternative options available to us to complete firearms training and proficiency. We found that there were no existing viable options that would offer a long-term solution to meet our training and proficiency needs. We discussed with SPAG their plans for a new firing range and they did not have any viable solutions either.

As a result of those initial discussions, we determined that it could mutually benefit the Wolfforth Police Department and SPAG to create a joint training facility. One option conceived was that the City possesses land located at the intersection of Woodrow RD and CR 1100 that would be suitable for a joint training facility. SPAG, being largely grant funded, advised that they would be able to apply for grant funding for such a project.

EXHIBITS:

Woodrow RD and CR 1100 property map

Training Facility Plans

COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests the council to approve the concept of the Wolfforth PD and SPAG Joint Training Facility.