

San Antonio Police Department

Cite and Release Program Update

Public Safety Committee
May 22, 2019

Presented by:
Police Chief William P. McManus



Agenda

- Overview
- Background
- Implementation
- Next Steps



Program Overview



- Expands Current Cite and Release to include all eligible offenses in Texas Code of Criminal Procedure except graffiti
- Allows officers to return to field quickly
- Removes stigma of custodial arrest for offenders
- Bexar County to offer Diversion Programs to reduce number of non-violent offenders in jail

Policy Discussion



Cite & Release Meetings with District Attorney

November 26, 2018

December 17, 2018

January 29, 2019

Public Safety Presentations & City Council Briefings

Public Safety Committee: November 2018

December 2018

City Council B Session: February 13, 2019

Implementation - SAPD

- ***Training***

Policy information will be provided at roll calls during all shifts in all service areas via training video

- ***General Manual Updates***

Requires officers to indicate reason for arrest in lieu of citation

Identifies situations in which issuance of citation is not authorized

- ***Citation Books***

On order, being printed



Implementation SAPD

- *Property Box Installation* - Completed



Implementation – Bexar County

- Individuals Report to Re-Entry Center
- Assessment of Individual
- Assign Individual to Appropriate Program(s)
- Pre-Trial Diversion Track
- Case assigned to Court Monitor
- Track and Report Program Results



SAPD Reporting

- **Six Month Update to Public Safety Committee**
- **Annual Report to City Council**



Next Steps

- **Public Education Campaign**



- **Cite & Release Start Date – Mid-Summer**

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