

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2016

## GRAND OPENING OF DPS RIO GRANDE CITY

RIO GRANDE CITY— Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) held a grand opening ceremony of its new area office on Thursday attended by Representative Ryan Guillen (District 31-D).

"This has been a project in the works since 2004 so to see it come to fruition is really special," Representative Guillen explained.

The 14.655-square-foot facility is also home to Texas Highway Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Texas Rangers, Driver License, and Starr County District Attorney's Office- Border Prosecution Unit. The cost of the project totaled around \$4 million and is funded through bonds that were approved by voters.

The project first captured Guillen's attention around 2004 when he began talking to Starr County Judge Eloy Vera and was finally approved by the legislature in 2007 after Guillen became vice chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. The project had its first ground breaking in 2012 but was delayed for years due to complications with construction.

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