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New law enforcement vehicle debuts

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AUSTIN, Texas (KXAN) -- The director of security at [The Domain](#), an outdoor shopping mall in North Austin, is a tall woman to begin with. These days, though, when residents, employees and customers of The Domain see her coming, she towers over them more than ever.

Derr rides on something called a [T3 Motion electric vehicle](#). That is a new, three-wheeled vehicle on which a security or police officer stands while cruising the beat. It's quiet; it produces no gas emissions and it costs only a dime a day to operate.

Since the T3's platform is several inches off the ground, a driver can see above the heads of people in a crowd. It can maneuver in close quarters, even pivoting in place in a tight circle. Though, when speed is called for, the vehicle can deliver, reaching a top speed of 20 mph, fast enough to run down even the most fleet-of-foot perpetrator.

The vehicle is similar to the well-known [Segway](#), but it operates more like a conventional motorcycle, with throttle and brake controls located on the handles and unlike the Segway, the T3 is aimed primarily at the law enforcement market.

"You know, we have residents here; we have retailers; we have our customers, said Lauren Harris, Director of Mall Marketing. "If you find a tool that can take care of, you know, help take care of everybody, it makes sense for us."



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