



PRESS RELEASE

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Georgetown Police Department becomes the 154th law enforcement agency in Texas to become a “Recognized Law Enforcement Agency” from the Texas Law Enforcement Recognition Program

On May 22, 2019, the Georgetown Police Department received the award of “Recognized Law Enforcement Agency” from the Texas Police Chiefs Association Law Enforcement Recognition Program. Begun in 2006, the Recognition Program evaluates a Police Department’s compliance with over 168 Best Business Practices for Texas Law Enforcement. These Best Practices were carefully developed by Texas Law Enforcement professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service and the protection of individual’s rights. These Best Practices cover all aspects of law enforcement operations including use of force, protection of citizen rights, vehicle pursuits, property and evidence management, and patrol and investigative operations.

This voluntary process required the Georgetown Police Department to conduct a critical self-review of the agency’s policies, procedures, facilities and operations. In March of 2017, the department began the lengthy process to become a “Recognized” Law Enforcement Agency” by preparing proofs of compliance for each of the Texas Law Enforcement Best Business Practices. Upon completion of the internal review, an outside audit and review was requested. This final on-site review took place May 7-8, 2019. The on-site review is conducted by trained Police Chiefs from other areas of our state. The result of this review was then sent to the Texas Police Chiefs Association’s Recognition Committee for final analysis and decision to award “Recognized” status.

On May 22, 2019, the department was notified that it had been awarded the coveted “Recognized Law Enforcement Agency” award. While the State of Texas has over 2,700 law enforcement agencies, Georgetown becomes only the 154th agency to be so recognized. Achieving “Recognized” status places Georgetown among the state’s top law enforcement agencies. This process provided for an independent review of the department’s operations and should assure the citizens of Georgetown that its Police Department is conforming to the current state of the art standards and practices in law enforcement.

The actual presentation of the award will take place at the Georgetown City Council meeting on Tuesday August 13, 2019 at 6pm. The department will also be recognized at the Texas Police Chiefs Association annual conference in April 2020.

More information a description of the program may be viewed on the Texas Police Chiefs Association website at <http://www.texaspolicechiefs.org>.