

United States Department of Justice Certification Program

Credentialing Body – Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation  
Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Recognition Program

**Instructions:**

Please complete the fillable space labeled From: with your Agency's Name, City, State and Zip Code. The second fillable space is for your Agency's ORI Number. The third fillable space is for your Agency's EIN Number. The fourth fillable space is for your Agency's DUNS Number. Please put today's date in the Date: fillable space. The next two fillable spaces are for your Agency's Name. Down below please see two required fillable spaces for the person signing the form initials. The last fillable spaces are for the Signature, Printed Name and the Signatory's Title.

Police agencies in the State of Texas (including municipal, county, and state ) receiving federal grant funding or anticipate applying for federal grant funding must now be “certified” in accordance with Presidential Executive Order 13929 (Executive Order on Safe Policing). Once this form is complete please scan and email it to [dojcertification@texaspolicechiefs.org](mailto:dojcertification@texaspolicechiefs.org). Incomplete or unsigned forms will NOT be processed. Once this form is accepted, you will receive a Certification Letter via email. This application process will need to be repeated every 3 years.

Colleges and universities must apply to the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA).

**Mandatory Certification Section:**

The applying agency’s department head, or appropriate designee, must initial beside each of the two mandatory U.S. Department of Justice standards and sign / date.

With your initials and signature – you attest your agency is in compliance with Presidential Executive Order 13929 and your agency has the required policies.

To: Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Recognition Program – D.O.J. Certification

From:

Applying Agency's Name, City, State and Zip Code

Agency ORI Number

Agency EIN Number

Agency DUNS Number

Date:

Reference: D.O.J. Certification Program

This letter confirms \_\_\_\_\_ meets certain use-of-force eligibility requirements set forth by the Department of Justice for discretionary federal grants. With this confirmation letter, our agency likewise requests credentials from the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Recognition Program, certifying compliance with the U.S. Department of Justice’s Standards for Certification on Use of Force and Safe Policing for Communities.

I have reviewed the Presidential Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, dated June 16, 2020, Executive Order No. 13929 (the “Executive Order on Safe Policing”). I understand that, based on the Executive Order on Safe Policing, the U.S. Department of Justice’s discretionary grant funding is only available to state, local and university or college law enforcement agencies that have obtained credentials certifying they meet certain standards on use of force. I further understand the Executive Order on Safe Policing empowers the U.S. Attorney General to designate independent credentialing bodies to certify that a law enforcement agency meets the conditions of eligibility for federal grants. The U.S. Attorney General has designated the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Recognition Program as an independent credentialing body.

After reviewing the U.S. Department of Justice’s Standards for Certification on Safe Policing for Communities and \_\_\_\_\_ policies,

I have determined our agency meets the following two **MANDATORY** conditions for certification:

- (initial) **Our agency’s use-of-force policies adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws; and**
- (initial) **Our agency maintains use-of-force policies that prohibit the use of choke holds, except in those situations where the use of deadly force is allowed by law.**

Sincerely,

Signature

Printed name of Signatory

Title