

XXXX Police Department

Press Release

Date

XXXX Police Department Receives “Accredited Law Enforcement Agency” from the Texas Law Enforcement Accreditation Program

On **DATE**, the **XXXX Police Department** received the award of *Accredited Law Enforcement Agency* from the Texas Police Chiefs Association Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. Begun in 2006, the Accreditation Program evaluates a law enforcement agency’s compliance with 173 Best Business Practices for Texas Law Enforcement. These standards 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 rights, vehicle pursuits, property and evidence management, and patrol and investigative operations, just to name a few.

This voluntary process required the **XXXX Police Department** to conduct a critical self-review of the agency’s policies, procedures, facilities and operations. Beginning in **May of 2024**, the department begin the lengthy process to become an “Accredited” 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 on **DATE**. The on-site review is conducted by trained Police Experts from other areas of our state. The result of this review was then sent to the Texas Police Chiefs Association’s Accreditation Committee for final analysis and decision to award “Accredited” status.

On **August 3, 2025**, the department was notified that it had been awarded the coveted “Accredited Law Enforcement Agency” award. The **XXXX Police Department** has always considered itself to be one of the best in the state. This process provided for an independent review of the department’s operations and should assure the citizens of **XXXX** that its Police Department is conforming to the current state of the art in law enforcement.

The actual presentation of the award will take place at **DATE**. The department will also be recognized at the Texas Police Chiefs Association annual conference in April.

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

Chief _____ will be available today from **1pm to 5pm** for telephone or video interviews or comments. Please contact **Chief _____** office at **123-456-7891**.