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KPD Receives “Recognized Status” from Texas Police Chief Association’s Law Enforcement Recognition Program

Kerrville, Texas (Jan. 9, 2019) - On Jan. 8, 2019, the Kerrville Police Department received the award of “Recognized Law Enforcement Agency” from the Texas Police Chiefs Association’s Law Enforcement Recognition Program.

Begun in 2006, the Recognition Program evaluates a police department’s compliance with more than 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 individuals’ rights. The 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.

The Texas Police Chiefs Association (TPCA) originally recognized the Kerrville Police Department in January of 2010. Police agencies recognized by the TPCA must undergo a

rigorous onsite inspection to ensure compliance in the 168 categories. This year's recognition marks the third successful recognition of the Kerrville Police Department. This voluntary process required the KPD to conduct a self-review of the agency's policies, procedures, facilities and operations.

Beginning in May of 2007, the department began the lengthy process to become a "Recognized Law Enforcement Agency" by preparing proofs of compliance for each of the Best Business practices. Upon completion of an internal review, an outside audit and review was conducted. This final on-site review took place Nov. 14-15, 2018. The on-site review was conducted by a trained team of police chiefs from other areas of Texas. The result of this review was then sent to the TPCA's Recognition Committee for final analysis and decision to award "Recognized" status.

On Nov. 21, 2018 the department was notified that it had been awarded the coveted "Recognized Law Enforcement Agency" award. Kerrville becomes one of 150 agencies among 2,400 in the state to be so recognized, and one of only 72 to be re-recognized.

Presentation of the award took place at the regularly scheduled Kerrville City Council meeting on Jan. 8, with the presentation being made by Max Westbrook, program director for the Texas Police Chiefs Association Best Practices Recognition Program. The department will also be recognized at the TPCA's annual conference in April.

"This process provided for an independent review of the department's operations and should assure the citizens of Kerrville that its police department is conforming to the current state of the art in law enforcement," Westbrook said.



The Kerrville Police Department was recognized at Tuesday's City Council meeting as a "Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Program" by the Texas Police Chiefs Association. Shown from left are Lieutenant Jonathan Cline, Assistant Chief Curtis Thomason, Chief David Knight, Lieutenant Mary Krebs, Lieutenant Phil Engstrom, and Texas Police Chiefs Association Program Director Max Westbrook.