



## Henderson Police Department

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### **Henderson Police Department Receives “Recognized Law Enforcement Agency” from the Texas Law Enforcement Recognition Program**

On November 14, 2019, the Henderson 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 Henderson Police Department to conduct a critical self-review of the agency’s policies, procedures, facilities and operations. Beginning in March of 2018, 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 on October 14, 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 November 14, 2019, the department was notified that it had been awarded the coveted “Recognized Law Enforcement Agency” award. Henderson becomes the 160<sup>th</sup> agency in the state to be so recognized. The Henderson 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 Henderson that its Police Department is conforming to the current state of the art in law enforcement.

The presentation of the award took place at 400 W. Main (Henderson City Hall) on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. The department will also be recognized at the Texas Police Chiefs Association annual conference in April.

Chief Chad Taylor said, “We are very excited to receive the award of a Texas Police Chiefs Association Recognized Agency. This has been a long process that took participation from everyone at our department. It was a team effort that moves the Henderson Police Department forward in professionalism, accountability and positive community interaction. We are blessed to have the best officers working within the City of Henderson and we are striving to continually to earn the support of our community. We want to be the best department for the city that we serve and the Recognition Program is helping us achieve that.”

More information and a description of the program may be viewed on the Texas Police Chiefs Association website at <http://www.texaspolicechiefs.org>. To learn more about Henderson Police Department, visit [www.hendersontx.us](http://www.hendersontx.us).