

*Proclamation Recognizing
The City of Alton Police Department*

Whereas The Texas Police Chiefs Association (TPCA) is known as one of the most important organizations in the state due to its Law Enforcement Best Practices Accreditation Program; and

Whereas In spring 2025, the Alton Police Department was awarded the TPCA Accreditation Program Award for being a Best Practice Agency. The department, led by Police Chief Mark Perez, was the first agency in Hidalgo County to be recognized and only the second department in the Rio Grande Valley to achieve this recognition; and

Whereas The Accreditation Program was designed specifically for Texas Law Enforcement agencies in order to encourage professionalism and has become the gold standard for Texas Law Enforcement; and

Whereas The Alton Police Department was evaluated to ensure they complied with each of the TPCA's Best Business Practices. The practices encourage development of standards in all aspects of law enforcement operations such as, written directives, sexual harassment, use of deadly force, vehicle pursuits, and evidence inventory among others; and

Whereas Since its inception in 2006, over 200 agencies in the state have achieved this recognition for their professional excellence, enhancement of community trust, and improvement of operational efficiency and risk management; and

Whereas This recognition serves to reassure the citizens of Alton that its Police Department is conforming to the current state-of-the-art law enforcement strategies and is considered one of the top police agencies in the State of Texas.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby congratulates the City of Alton Police Department for this outstanding achievement and thanks all the men and women who are deserving of this recognition.

Approved this 16th day of September 2025.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

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County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk