

Williamson County Precinct One Constable's Office

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Williamson County Precinct One Constable's Office Receives "Recognized Law Enforcement Agency" from the Texas Law Enforcement Recognition Program

On January 6, 2016, the Williamson County Precinct One Constable's Office 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 Law Enforcement Agency's compliance with over 166 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 Williamson County Precinct One Constable's Office to conduct a critical self-review of the agency's policies, procedures, facilities and operations. Beginning in March of 2015, 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 January 6th, 2016. 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 January 18th, 2016, the department was notified that it had been awarded the coveted "Recognized Law Enforcement Agency" award. Williamson County Precinct One Constable's Office becomes the 121 agency in the state to be so recognized and only the 2nd Constable's Office in the entire state of Texas to do so. The Williamson County Precinct One Constable's Office 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 Williamson County that its Precinct One Constable's Office is conforming to the current state of the art in law enforcement.

The actual presentation of the award will take place the Williamson County Commissioners Court. The department will also be recognized at the Texas Police Chiefs Association annual conference in April 2016.

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