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

On January 23rd, 2020, the Precinct One Williamson County Constable's Office received the award of "Recognized Law Enforcement Agency" from the Texas Police Chiefs Association Law Enforcement Recognition Program, for the second time. Begun in 2006, the Recognition Program evaluates an agency'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.

The Precinct One Williamson County Constable's Office was originally recognized by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Law Enforcement Recognition Program in January of 2016. Agencies recognized by the TPCA must undergo an onsite inspection every 4th year and this makes the second successful onsite inspection by Precinct One.

This voluntary process required the Precinct One Williamson County Constable's Office to conduct a critical self-review of the agency's policies, procedures, facilities and operations. Precinct One conducted a lengthy process of preparing proofs of compliance for each of the Texas Law Enforcement Best Business Practices. Upon completion of their internal review, an outside audit and review was requested. This final on-site review took place on January 14th, 2020. 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 "Re-Recognized" status.

On January 23rd, 2020, the department was notified that it had been awarded "Re-Recognition" Status. Precinct One Williamson County Constable's Office is one of only three Constable's offices to be so recognized, and only the 2nd one to receive "Re-Recognition." Precinct One has always considered itself to be one of the best in the state. This process provided for an independent review of the office's operations and should assure the citizens of Precinct One Williamson County that their Constable's office is conforming to the current state of the art in law enforcement.

The actual presentation of the award will take place on February 25th, 2020 in Williamson County Commissioner's Court at 10am. The office 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>.