



## Seagoville Police Department

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

On February 8, 2013, the Seagoville 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 165 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 Seagoville Police Department to conduct a critical self-review of the agency’s policies, procedures, facilities and operations. Beginning in November of 2010, 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 February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 February 8, 2013, the department was notified that it had been awarded the coveted “Recognized Law Enforcement Agency” Award. Seagoville becomes only the 75th agency in the State to be so recognized. The Seagoville 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 Seagoville that its Police Department is conforming to the current state of the art standards in law enforcement.

The actual presentation of the award will take place at the Texas Police Chiefs Association Annual Conference on March 27<sup>th</sup> in Austin, Texas. The department will also be recognized on April 1, 2013 at 7:00 PM, at the Seagoville City Council Meeting.

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