Richardson Police Department
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Recognized Status Awarded by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation

The Texas Police Chiefs Association has honored the Richardson Police Department by bestowing upon it "Recognized" status. In doing so, the Department becomes one of only 22 police agencies among over 2000 statewide to receive the honor.

The award, given by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation, is for an agency's voluntary participation in its Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Recognition Program. Best practices covers several aspects of law enforcement operations such as use of force, protection of citizen rights, pursuits, property and evidence management and patrol and investigative operations.

"We are very proud to receive this recognition from the TPCA Foundation," said Chief Spivey. "It not only shows our citizens and city management that the R.P.D. is operating in a manner that reflects the current best practices of law enforcement, but it also provides our citizens with reassurance that our Department has studied all aspects of law enforcement operations and has developed polices and procedures to address any standard or critical issues."

The program was developed to assist Texas agencies in meeting their professional obligations to the citizens of Texas, including the efficient and effective delivery of service and the protection of individuals' rights. To achieve "Recognized" status an agency is required to undergo a careful review of its policies, procedures, equipment, facilities and operations. Over 160 areas of competency must be met. An outside review, overseen by a facilitator from an outside agency, is conducted to prove the department's compliance with the standards. The "Recognized" status is awarded for a four year period.

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