



# Seguin Police Department



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## MEMORANDUM 21-16

**TO:** Mayor Donna Dodgen  
City of Seguin City Council  
Steve Parker, City Manager

**FROM:** Terry Nichols, Chief of Police

**REF:** Texas Police Chiefs Association Best Practices Re-Recognition Award

**DATE:** March 4, 2021

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In 2013, the Police Department became a Recognized agency by the Texas Police Chiefs Association (TPCA) Law Enforcement Recognition Program. Begun in 2006, the Recognition Program evaluates a Police Department'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. Agencies must undergo an onsite re-recognition inspection every four years.

During the re-recognition process, the Department had to provide proofs of compliance for each of the 168 best practices along with conducting a critical self-review of our policies, procedures, facilities and operations. An outside audit and review of the Department was conducted on February 9-10, 2021 by Police Chiefs representing the TPCA. On February 22, 2021, we were notified that we had successfully completed the process and were Re-Recognized with the TPCA Best Practices Program. The Seguin Police Department is one of 173 law enforcement agencies in Texas with this honorable distinction. For reference, there are currently 2,728 law enforcement agencies in the State.

San Marcos Police Chief Stan Standridge currently serves as the President for the Texas Police Chiefs Association and will be presenting the Department with the Re-Recognition award.

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