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Texas Accreditation Program



On September 29, 2017, the Rusk Police Department, in a testament to our unwavering commitment to be the best police department possible, became an accredited agency under the Texas Police Chiefs Association Best Practices Program. Every four years since then, we have successfully obtained reaccredited status after undergoing outside review, inspection, and auditing by a team of subject matter experts. This review covers all aspects of our administrative, managerial, and operational programs, policies, and procedures to ensure we continue to comply with the high standards mandated by the program. During the non-in-person review years, we submit an annual report demonstrating our continued compliance with program standards.

The Law Enforcement Accreditation Program is a voluntary process where police agencies in Texas have to prove their compliance with over 170 recognized Law Enforcement Best Practices. The program is designed to meet and exceed the public's expectations for professional law enforcement in Texas. Out of over two thousand law enforcement agencies in Texas, slightly over two hundred have obtained and maintained accredited status under the program. The Rusk Police Department is among an elite group of Texas law enforcement agencies, as our accreditation under the Texas Best Practices Accreditation Program is the Gold Standard for which Texas law enforcement agencies aspire to reach.

These Best Practices are developed by a committee of veteran Texas Police Chiefs and other high-ranking law enforcement executives from across the state to assist law enforcement agencies in developing trust and transparency with their communities by demonstrating compliance with high professional standards. These standards enhance a police department's overall efficiency and effectiveness in delivering policing services to the community, reduce risk and civil liability, and protect an individual citizen's rights. The accreditation program ensures that the Rusk Police Department has carefully considered the critical issues confronting police departments, and the department has developed and implemented policies, procedures, and systems to address or correct these issues. The Accreditation Program assures the Rusk City Council, City Manager, and the citizens we serve that their Police Department embodies the very best of what the law enforcement profession represents.

For more information on the accreditation program, contact the Chief of Police or visit: <https://www.texaspolicechiefs.org/recognition-program>.



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