



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mac Tristan, Chief of Police

Date: April 8, 2014

Reference: **Presentation by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation to the Coppel Police Department in Recognition of their Completion of the Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Program**

2030: Coppel 2030, Healthy Neighborhoods

Introduction:

The Coppel Police Department is receiving 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 Coppel Police Department to conduct a critical self-review of the agency’s policies, procedures, facilities and operations. Beginning in May of 2011, the department began the lengthy process to achieve “Recognition” 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 March 12 and 13, 2014. 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.

Analysis:

On March 19, 2014, the department was notified that it had been awarded the coveted “Recognized Law Enforcement Agency” award. The Coppel Police Department becomes the 96th agency in the state to be so recognized. The Coppel 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 Coppel that its Police Department is conforming to current state of the art practices in law enforcement.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Legal Review:

N/A.

Recommendation:

Staff is proud to receive this Recognition by the Texas Police Chief's Association and assures Council and our citizens that we continue to strive to provide the best service delivery possible in order to maintain a safe and peaceful community environment.