



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Temple Police Department receives Re-Accreditation from the Texas Law Enforcement Accreditation Program**

*TPD recognized during the May 4, 2023, City Council Session*

**TEMPLE, TX (May 5, 2023)** – In April 2023, the Temple Police Department received re-accreditation as an “Accredited Law Enforcement Agency” from the Texas Police Chiefs Association (TPCA) Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. On Thursday, the department was officially recognized by City Council at the May 4<sup>th</sup> council session.

The Accreditation Program began in 2006 to evaluate a police department’s compliance with over 168 Best Business Practices for Texas Law Enforcement. The 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. The 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.

The Temple Police Department was originally Accredited by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Law Enforcement Accreditation Program in 2019. Police agencies accredited by the TPCA must undergo an onsite inspection every 4 years and this makes the second successful onsite inspection by the Temple Police Department.

"We are honored to receive this re-accreditation award from the Texas Police Chief's Association Law Enforcement Accreditation Program, which is a testament to our department's commitment to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and excellence in law enforcement," said Temple Police Department Chief Shawn Reynolds. "This recognition reflects the hard work and dedication of our officers and staff, who consistently strive to provide the best possible service to our community."

The voluntary process required the Temple Police Department to conduct a critical self-review of the agency’s policies, procedures, facilities and operations. Upon completion of the internal review, an outside audit and review was requested. The on-site review is conducted by trained Police Chiefs from other areas of Texas. The result of this review was then sent to the Texas Police Chiefs Association’s Accreditation Committee for final analysis and decision to award “Accredited” status.

To learn more about the program and its requirements, please visit the [Texas Police Chiefs Association website](#).