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ROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES “RECOGNIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT” COMMENDATION

ROCKPORT, TX –The Rockport Police Department has once again been awarded the “Recognized Law Enforcement Agency” status from the Texas Police Chiefs Association Law Enforcement Recognition Program. Begun in 2006, the Recognition Program evaluates a Police Department’s compliance with over 166 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 Rockport Police Department to conduct a critical self-review of the agency’s policies, procedures, facilities and operations. Then, an 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. Evaluation is done every four years.

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“There are approximately 2,000 law enforcement agencies in the state of Texas and only 200 of them have been recognized with this status. We’re very proud to be in that 10 percent,” noted Police Chief Greg Stevens. “This speaks to the officers and Department’s commitment to providing comprehensive, timely and effective services to our community.” The only other agencies in the Coastal Bend area are the Victoria Police Department and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Police Department.

The actual presentation of the award will take place at a future City Council meeting. The department will also be recognized at the Texas Police Chiefs Association annual conference in April.

More information and a description of the program may be viewed on the Texas Police Chiefs Association website at <http://www.texaspolicechiefs.org>.