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The Tomball Police Department received its recognition from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), which is the highest recognition of law enforcement excellence CALEA based its recognition on measurement of the agencies performance in adhering to 97 “best practice” standards developed for law enforcement organizations throughout the country. Of the over 18,000 police organizations nationwide, less then 700 have been recognized through CALEA.

The overall purpose of CALEA’s recognition process is to improve delivery of law enforcement service by offering a body of standards, developed by law enforcement practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date law enforcement topics. It also recognizes professional achievements by offering an orderly and voluntary process for addressing and complying with applicable standards.

“The Tomball Police Department began it’s pursuit of recognition in June 2005, explains Rick Grassi, Captain of Police. This led to a focus on strengthening areas such as responsibilities and relationships with other agencies; organization, management and administration; personnel administration; auxiliary and technical support and law enforcement operation and support. “There is not a person in the agency that was not affected by this process and analysis,” Grassi stated.

As a final step in the recognition process, a law enforcement professional from Florida came to the Tomball Police Department for a three day on-site review this past August. The assessor visited Tomball Police Department, interviewing personnel and reviewing policies, procedures, documentations and proofs of compliance. The assessor’s evaluation was positive and he recommended that the agency be recognized by CALEA.

The CALEA assessor stated in his report that, “Tomball Police Department is a progressive agency that has obviously benefited by visionary leadership over the past few years.” They also noted that “the attention to detail and training was especially impressive and the agency is focused on doing the right things right.”