



Somerville Police Department



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Somerville Police Department to Seek “Accreditation” from the Texas Law Enforcement Accreditation Program Beginning April 1, 2022, the Somerville Police Department will begin a lengthy process to become a “Accredited” Law Enforcement Agency by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. Begun in 2006, the Accreditation Program evaluates a Police Department’s compliance with 168 Best 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 requires a critical self-review of the agency’s policies, procedures, facilities and operations. The department will prepare proofs of compliance for each of the Texas Best Business Practices for Law Enforcement and when complete, will request outside audit and review. The result of this review is sent to the Texas Police Chief’s Association’s Accreditation Committee for final analysis and decision to award “Accredited” status. The Somerville Police Department has always considered itself to be one of the best in the area. This process allows an independent review of the department’s operations and will assure the citizens of Somerville that its Police Department is conforming to the current state of the art in law enforcement.

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