

memorandum

TO: City Council
John Godwin, City Manager

FROM: Bob Hundley, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: **TEXAS POLICE CHIEF'S BEST PRACTICE RE-RECOGNITION**

DATE: August 1, 2016

BACKGROUND: The Texas Police Chief's Association Best Practices Law Enforcement Recognition Program is a voluntary process where police agencies in Texas prove their compliance with 168 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices or policies. These Best Practices were carefully developed by Texas Law Enforcement professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service, the reduction of risk and the protection of individual's rights. The program began in 2006. The Paris Police Department was originally recognized in March of 2012 as a Best Practices Department. We provide a yearly report to the program.

STATUS OF ISSUE: The best practices include every aspect of a police department's operation from criminal investigation to use of force, truthfulness, internal investigations, written system of agency directives, vehicle pursuits and even how any cash is handled. This is not a 'rubber stamp' process. Policies formulated with the BPRP guidelines are developed with the local situation in mind. The department has to prove the policies are being followed by documentation and interview with officers and employees of the department. As the department applied for re-recognition, our two-day review took place on July 12th and 13th. As a result of that assessment, the department has been re-recognized for another four years.

BUDGET: The department expends \$1600 annually to be a member of this organization.

RECOMMENDATION: Presentation only.