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Webb County Earns Best Practices Award

Legislative efforts help fill open law enforcement positions with experienced officers

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Webb County was losing young peace officers to other organizations that offered larger salaries and better career opportunities. Unable to compete, the county helped introduce and pass legislation that allows the reactivation of retired peace officers' licenses.

The Texas Association of Counties (TAC) has awarded Webb County a 2016 County Best Practices Award in recognition of this innovative program.

By hiring retired officers, Webb County avoids the expense of sending them for months of training. Instead, these seasoned officers are required to take additional educational training and pass a reactivation exam. Open county law enforcement positions are now filled by experienced employees.

"Webb County worked with its state representative to introduce needed legislation to fix a common problem for many counties," said TAC Executive Director Gene Terry. "We hope this award will inspire other counties to follow suit with their own initiatives."

Webb County was one of more than 15 counties across Texas selected by TAC to receive a Best Practices Award.

The TAC County Best Practices Awards Program recognizes county innovation, inspires county leaders to develop improved programs, and creates an avenue for promoting replicable and proven solutions to common county concerns.

TAC works to unite Texas counties in search of solutions for challenges faced by all counties and provides services to support county officials in the vital work they do for their local communities.

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