

the Texarkana, Ark., Police Department has become one of the few agencies accredited by the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police.

Only 14 agencies are so recognized in the state.

Texarkana, Ark., city manager, mayor and city board will present the accreditation to the TAPD at the board meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall.

This award was presented to TAPD by the Gov. Asa Hutchinson during the Chief's Convention in Rogers in November 2018. These standards were carefully developed by Arkansas Law Enforcement Professionals to assist agencies in the efficient delivery of police service and the protection of the citizens the department serves, said Cpl. Kristi Bennett, spokeswoman for TAPD.

"Receiving the accreditation gives TAPD recognition throughout the state, as well as to the citizens that we serve. Our department is operating in a manner that reflects the current best practices for the law enforcement profession," Bennett said.

The AACP is a nonprofit organization of police chiefs and executives from across Arkansas, who recognize the importance of having proven, effective leaders in law enforcement today. The AACP works toward enhancing the knowledge and skills of police executives so they can effectively meet the growing demand of providing the best possible law enforcement available today.