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The Kemah Police Department Makes History!



Accreditation is a certification process where a criminal justice agency demonstrates complete compliance with a rigorous set of law enforcement standards. By demonstrating this compliance, an organization shows that it is committed to the highest level of excellence in all aspects of its daily operations.

The Texas Police Chiefs Association Best Practices Program, which is comprised of an independent Association of Chiefs of Police, is responsible for assessing an agencies policies and procedures. Their assessment also includes use of force reports and documentation, a very strict and in-depth analysis of the management and security of the agency's property and evidence, training records, and much more.

It is important to note that being "accredited" is not a mandatory

requirement of any law enforcement agency; however, the Kemah Police Department believes it is a critical component to our law enforcement goal of being professional, transparent, and accountable.

The process and commitment to the Accreditation Program for the Kemah Police Department started on September 7, 2021, when Police Chief Holland Jones was sworn into office, and because of the leadership of our elected and appointed officials, we celebrate the fact that we have successfully received the accreditation status as quoted from the email received from the Chairman of the TPCAF Accreditation Committee,

"On behalf of the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation, I want to officially notify you that the Kemah Police Department has achieved "Accreditation Status" for compliance with

the Texas Law Enforcement Accreditation Program... The Kemah Police Department is to be commended for the commitment made to this process. Every employee of the agency can be proud of this accomplishment... Again, please accept my sincere "Congratulations" on a job well done. The TPCAF Accreditation Program is raising the bar for Law Enforcement in Texas and the Kemah Police Department is part of it!"

It takes a tremendous amount of dedication to achieve Accreditation status. This achievement is a genuine testament to the Kemah Police Department's overall commitment to our professional excellence as law enforcement professionals.

Outstanding Work, KPD!



KPD awarded Shield Grant and STEP Grant!!



The Kemah Police Department has been approved for two TXDOT grants as part of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). This program is split into two divisions:

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| Comprehensive (COMP)  traffic enforcement of all motor vehicles \$ 15,409.43 | Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) pertains only to commercial motor vehicles \$ 15,060.33 |
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Grand Total \$30,469.76

These grants will become effective on October 1, 2022

The Kemah Police Department is now the proud recipient of grant funds from the Texas Office of the Governor. Since the change of administration in September 2021, the Kemah Police Department has undergone changes to improve the overall image of the department and the services that we provide to the public.

In light of those changes, the Kemah Police Department began to seek alternate funding sources to acquire new ballistic shields that are mission-critical equipment for emergency situations. The journey to find, research, and secure

funding for ballistic shields for the officers of the Kemah Police Department began in August 2022.

After hard work and due diligence, we are now proud to announce that the Kemah Police Department has now been authorized and awarded a grant for the amount of \$66,602.03. These funds were awarded on January 9th, 2023, and will be used to acquire new and upgraded ballistic shielding for their police officers. Kemah Police Department strives daily to provide the best professional police services to the public and our local constituents by continuing to seek new and innovative ways to protect the public.

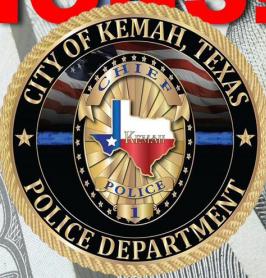
In addition to the previously mentioned grant, The Kemah Police Department was also awarded \$30,469.76 as part of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). This program is split into two divisions: Comprehensive (COMP) and Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV).

We would like to personally thank LT. Ruiz and LT. Thomas for their time and collaborative efforts in securing this much-needed equipment.



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Special thanks to LT. Ruiz and LT. Thomas for their time and collaborative efforts in securing these funds.



Citizens Police Academy

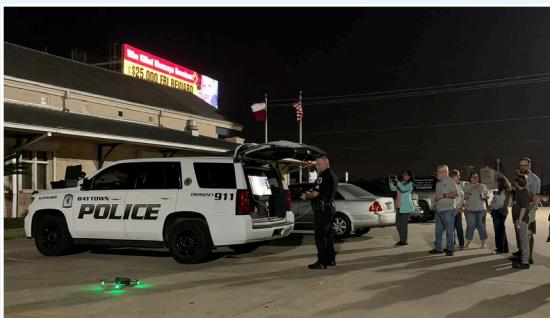


The Kemah Police Department is thrilled to announce the success of the Citizens Police Academy! Not only have the classes offered great information, but great laughs and smiles as well!

Our Citizens Police Academy is designed to afford the student the opportunity to learn more in-depth about the duties of a Police Officer from several different job duties from varying agencies throughout the Galveston and Houston area.

Our very own Chief Jones kicked off the Citizen's Police Academy by sharing his knowledge, experience, and education. Chief Jones effortlessly navigated through his curriculum, and meticulously, answered questions from the students. Chief Jones wrapped up weeks one and two of the Citizens Police Academy with Arrest, Search and Seizure.

In week 3, things got physical! Kemah Citizens Police Academy Class immersed themselves in the opportunity to physically engage in the practical portion of the curriculum regarding Defensive Tactics using a baton.



Laughs, jokes, and good memories were had as Sgt. Charo suited up in the red man suit and allowed the students to hit a Peace Officer without any fear of repercussions.

Week 4 allowed our Citizens Police Academy to meet and learn from knowledgeable and professional Officer, Sergeant S. Jones with the Baytown Police Department.

Sgt. Jones' deep and thorough knowledge of drones, answered many questions the class had about privacy laws and FAA regulations.

After the discussion, Sgt. Jones took the class away from their desks and out into the Kemah PD parking lot where they were able to see how a drone operates, hear what a drone sounds like, and observe what a drone operator sees on their screen when they are operating the drone.

Thank you again, Sgt. Jones for your time and the Baytown Police Department for sharing you with the Citizens of Kemah!

Citizens Police Academy



KEMAH CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

January 30 - May 1, 2023, 7pm-9pm
Kemah City Hall Chambers

BACKGROUND CHECK MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO FIRST DAY ATTENDANCE



MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AFTER COMPLETION OF THE ACADEMY

IT'S BEEN A WHILE BUT.....

The Kemah Police Department would like to extend the opportunity for all Kemah Residents and Employees of Kemah Businesses to participate in the newly modified Citizens Police Academy. Pick up and fill out your application at the KPD or on-line.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO IORTIZ@KEMAHTX.GOV OR YOU MAY DROP OFF AT THE KEMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT

CONTACT US KemahPolice.Org [1401 Highway 146
Kemah, TX 77565](http://1401Highway146Kemah.TX77565) [281-334-5414](tel:281-334-5414)

GUEST SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS WILL AFFORD PARTICIPANTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE LAW ENFORCEMENT FROM A VERY DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE!

TO SIGN UP CALL DISPATCH 281-334-5414

OFFERED BY THE KEMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT
1401 TX-146

R.A.D FOR WOMEN RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE



COURSE DATES

SIGNING UP INCLUDES CLASS FOR ALL FOUR DATES

APRIL 5TH, 6TH, 12TH & 13TH

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MAXIMUM 8 PEOPLE PER CLASS



Officer of the Year



Each year the Kemah Police Department nominates one Officer who has gone "Above and Beyond" their duties and stands out amongst their peers.

We are proud to announce Ofc. Glenn Sharp was nominated as Officer of the Year in 2021 and was presented with an award by the Seabrook Rotary Club. Officer Sharp has served in Law Enforcement for over 22 years. Throughout his career, Officer Sharp has displayed an exceptional devotion to his duty as a Patrol Officer, Detective and many other roles.

As a Patrol Investigator and Field Training Officer at the Kemah Police Department, Officer Sharp has identified criminal

suspects, recovered stolen property, assisted crime victims, and trained new recruits.

As for 2022, Sgt. Iris Ortiz was the Officer of the Year recipient., and boy did she earn it! Sgt. Ortiz has become the liaison for the Kemah Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. She has diligently brought together the community members to

continue to build and grow this association. She has even developed and hosted the KPD Citizens Police Academy. Her hard work and dedication are unbelievable. She is also the best Training Coordinator in Texas, and we have her right here in the City of Kemah.

We would also like to Thank the Seabrook Rotary Club for allowing us to be a part of this special event!





FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association Trilogy Award Winners

The Supervisor Leadership Institute (SLI), Command Leadership Institute (CLI), and the Executive Leadership Institute (ELI) are hosted by the FBI.

The Kemah Police Department would like to recognize the achievement of three of our officers. Lt. Thomas, Sgt. Iris Ortiz and Ofc. McDonald has successfully completed the FBI Law enforcement executive development series trilogy!

Sgt. Ortiz is our 1st Sergeant and Female Supervisor FBI-LEEDA Law Enforcement Trilogy Graduate, but she will not be KPD's last.

This is one of the most sought-after awards and demonstrates professional development at all levels of law enforcement.

This is a testament to the kind of officers we have here at the Kemah Police Department. Each of our talented officers brings their dedication and skills to our ranks. This approach to hiring creates a strong and knowledgeable department.





Promotions

Please assist the Kemah Police Department in congratulating our newly promoted Officers to the rank of Sergeant;

Sergeant Mays and **Sergeant Brown**, and **Reserve Sergeant Charo!**

And our newly promoted Sergeant to Lieutenant:
Lieutenant Ruiz.

In addition, we would like to congratulate Lieutenant Thomas on his promotion from Administrative Lieutenant to Patrol Lieutenant.

Promotions are no joke here at the Kemah Police Department! The process is gruesome and competitive, as we strive to have the best represent our Department!

This process forces those wishing to promote to rally against others wanting to promote, compete for the vacant position, and endure a morning and afternoon promotion board process.



This process involves a culmination of tasks and public speaking all directed to test the mental stamina of the participants. Leaders from other agencies are invited to sit on the review board, as this is a blind promotion process and no members of the Kemah Police Department, including the Chief, are allowed to partake.

Please join us in extending our congratulations to these hardworking individuals and their well-deserved promotions!





Shop with a Cop



The Kemah Police Department Shop with a Cop was a huge hit as well as a great success!! This year on December 15th, 8 families were allowed to be escorted to the Kemah Walmart, and go on a shopping spree funded entirely by the KPOA, Kemah Police Officers Association. I guess you can say Christmas came early for those families!

This is a tradition the KPOA holds dearly in their hearts. We take families that are less fortunate than others and let them run wild through the aisles of Walmart (with our Officer's keeping a close watch of course) and give them a little warmth and love.



When all the children and families had finished shopping, warm and grateful goodbyes were given. The Kemah Police Department is so honored to be able to brighten the lives of these families during this holiday season.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Shop With A Cop! It's always a great turnout when you have happy smiling faces. Thank you to our biggest supporters [Walmart Kemah](#) and Krewe du Lac. We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas.



Trunk or Treat



Who doesn't love an excuse to dress up, engorge in candy and hang out with your favorite local Police Department? Nothing scary about that! A great time was had by all during the annual Trunk-or-Treat event hosted by the Kemah Police Department!

During the event, the Kemah Police Department was present to give out candy to all the ghouls, gals and monsters and allow visitors the opportunity to see and touch some of the equipment used by our Police Officers.



The Kemah Police Department held a costume contest and the Jeep Club was also present and had many jeeps decorated with spooky decorations.

Though there were several amazing costumes to judge, just a few recipients were awarded medals for their incredible outfits.



The Kemah Police Department hopes that everyone had a spooktacular time, and we welcome you to next year's event.

Special thanks to GREG's groom 'n room, Petco Kemah, and the KPOA for their generous donations to this event.





Galveston County Food Drive



Local citizens and businesses willingly donated non-perishable food to help feed neighboring residents experiencing financial hardships this time of the year.

A whopping total of 610 pounds of food was gathered by the Kemah Police Department

and delivered to the Galveston County Food Bank to assist in replenishing their heavily utilized pantry.

A special thanks goes out to those who participated in "Giving Tuesday". Giving Tuesday is a movement that

unleashes the power of radical generosity worldwide on the 1st Tuesday following Thanksgiving.

Once again, The Kemah Police Department wishes to thank all who participated in doing their best to make sure that no one goes to bed hungry.





Bay Area Pet Adoptions

January 30th- February 13th, the Kemah Police Department participated in inviting the public to "Fill the Tahoe" by donating pet supplies. We had a donation bin in the Police Department Lobby, decorated just for our special furry friends over at Bay Area Pet Adoptions.

One of our very own Kemah dispatchers Kelly Head kindly donated to the Fill the Tahoe event for the Bay Area Pet Adoptions. The Kemah Police Department thanks you tremendously for your kind donation.

The Bay Area Pet Adoptions was so very grateful for the

kind donations received by the Kemah Police Department on their behalf and even brought along Milkdudd, was adamant he be in the photo so everyone could see how happy and thankful he was for all the donations!



Bayou Scramble Golf Tournament

BSCGT is a yearly tournament held to raise funds for the KPOA and Local First Responders. On October 3rd, 2022, the Bayou Scramble Charity Golf Tournament held its 3rd annual golf tournament at the Bay Forest Golf Course in La Porte. And boy was it a success!

This 100% charity organization is very dear to the Kemah Police Department. This organization was founded by Dave Clark when the late Chris Reed was the Kemah Police Chief.

The Bayou Scramble Golf Tournament originally donated to the "Chris Reed Educational Foundation", but due to the foundation no longer existing, members of the Bayou Scramble Golf Tournament chose the KPOA as its organization to donate to.

KPOA was presented a donation check today from Bayou Scramble Charity Golf Tournament along with Ms. Dawson, Mr. Lumpkin, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Harvey of Cat Scratch Kitchen.



We are so honored that you all have chosen our association to benefit from this charity event. We will be putting this to good use. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts! We will see you there next year!





Enhanced 911 Text and Text to 911

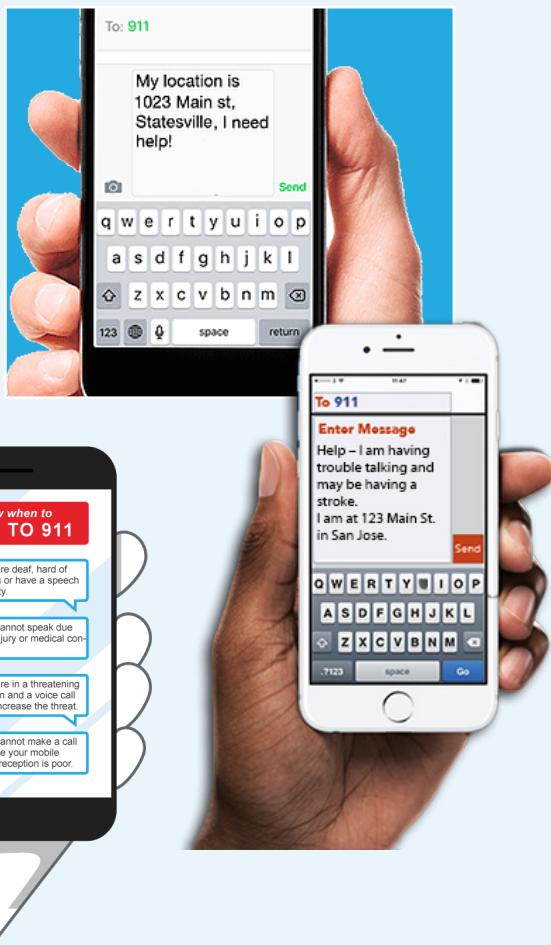
The Kemah Police Department staffs our emergency dispatch center 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to provide the best police and emergency services to the residents and visitors of the City of Kemah.

In any emergency, you can dial 9-1-1 from your phone, and due to the enhanced 9-1-1 (E911) system, telecommunicators are provided general information that assists in locating the caller in case the caller requires law enforcement intervention and/or emergency medical services.

If in a situation where you cannot place a call, did you know that you can text 9-1-1? Through a service called "Text to 911", you can enter the number 911 in the "To" or "Recipient" field.



Please remember when utilizing this service, the text should be short. For example, the address or location should be given if police, fire, or ambulance services are needed, and push send. From this point, answer any questions and follow the instructions of the telecommunicator.



For more information concerning this valuable service, please follow the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) link:

<https://www.fcc.gov/.../what-you-need-know-about-text-911>
<https://www.fcc.gov/general/9-1-1-and-e9-1-1-services>



Dancing with the Stars



The Dancing with the Stars Bay Area Performance that won The Best Performance Award 2022 was Kemah's very own Police Chief- Chief Jones, and Summer Roberts. What an awesome Charitable event!

Summer Roberts and Chief Jones wowed audience members with their intricate dance moves and vivid makeup application during the local Bay Area Alliance, Season 4, Dancing with the Stars Fundraiser.



There was fierce competition as all teams wished to obtain the coveted Mirrorball Trophy. In the end, Chief Jones and Summer Roberts were taken back as they were the recipients of the Best Performance Trophy for their outstanding dance routine.

The Kemah Police Department accepted this award and would like to dedicate it to the late and former Police Chief, Chris Reed, whose legacy remains a constant reminder of the commitment he had as he always strived to put the community first.

Team Kemah!



Kemah Book Club

Founded in April of 2022, the Kemah Book Club participants have nearly completed their 1st successful year. Since the inception of the Kemah Book Club, some individuals have stated they are now forced to give themselves a slow-down period during the day which allows them the opportunity to enjoy one of their favorite pastimes - reading! As with any new club, getting it up and running took some effort.

Participants had to figure out when to meet, where to meet, who would choose the next book to read, if snacks would be provided, etc....



Thankfully, all these questions were easily answered and the participants quickly began diving into a myriad of different books from both fiction and non-fiction genres.

Some of the books read by these remarkable individuals are:

The Tattooist of Auschwitz
The Husband's Secret
Killers of the Flower Moon
Remarkably Bright Creatures
The Glass Kitchen
The Midnight Library
Where the Crawdads Sing
Issac's Storms

That's approximately 2352 turned pages and counting!!



Next month will mark the Book Club's 1 year anniversary. They plan to meet at the exact location where the Kemah Book Club first began.

If anyone is interested in joining the book club, please reach out to Sgt. Ortiz and she can give you more information about the club.





Fourth of July Parade 2022

The Kemah Police Department hopes that everyone had a Happy Fourth of July!!!

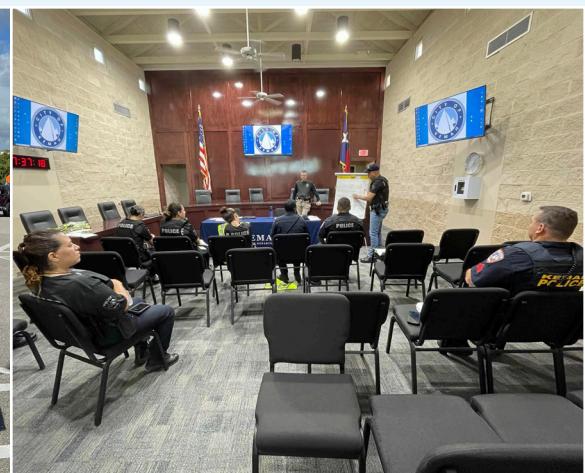
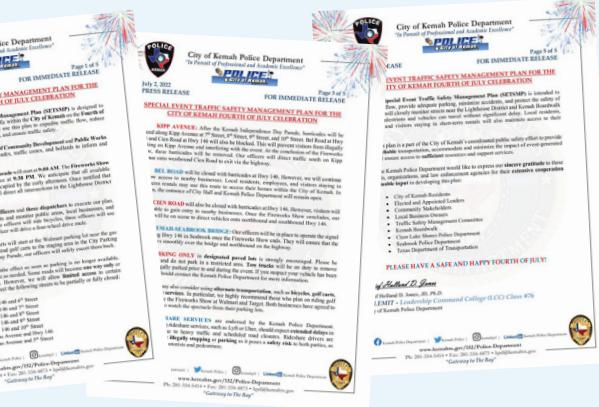
While everyone planned for good ole' wholesome fun, the Kemah Police Department spent hours, and even days strategically planning for the holiday that would grow the city's population by thousands!

The day of, the Police Department held two debriefings with Patrol staff to ensure the plan ran smoothly. The plan included twenty-three officers and three dispatchers to execute the plan accordingly.

Most of our Officer's worked 15 hours to ensure access to sufficient resources and support services! It was an all-day affair and team effort!!

It was a pleasure serving the community this July 4th.

Seeing and being around so many patriotic people made it all the greater.





Fourth of July Parade 2022



SWAT and ERT Training



Please Congratulate Kemah Police Officer SWAT School Graduates!

Officers Eklund, Cruz, and Rangel attended the TTPOA Basic SWAT course this week in Brownsville, Texas.

This course consisted of grueling physical training, lectures, and physical application of SWAT tactics. After five days of education and physical/



mental training, the officers were tested on their knowledge and skills in a mock scenario, where the separate teams had to work as one unit to complete the mission.

Officers Eklund, Cruz, and Rangel were successful in their concourse of the class and received their basic SWAT certification. Congratulations Officers on your success and we hope to see your training in action in the future.



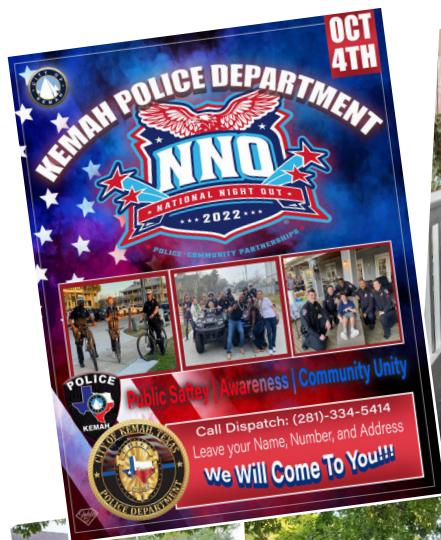


National Night Out 2022

****National Night Out a Success****

The Kemah Police Department would like to thank everyone who allowed our officers to be guests at their National Night Out festivities.

During National Night Out we met some new citizens and became reacquainted with old friends. We indulged in the best foods prepared by our residents. From good barbecued ribs to decadent desserts, no one left hungry! We had meaningful conversations with residents, coloring contests with the children and made everlasting memories!



Thank you again Kemah citizens and guests, for the privilege to be your law enforcement agency.

Load Bearing Vest and Body Armor



Have you noticed our Police Officers "new look"? We recently went from dark Navy uniforms to a sleek, all black uniform, with Level three, 360-degree load-bearing vest!

The load bearing vest affords officers the opportunity to take some of the weight from their belts and carry it on their vests.

A special thanks to the Kemah City Council for approving the purchase of a vest to outfit every Kemah Police Officer.



Employee Assistance Program & Enhanced Officer Death Benefit

Kemah City Council unanimously voted during the 2022 fiscal year to increase the accidental death and dismemberment policy for Kemah Police Officers from a maximum benefit of 30,000 to 200,000 with an additional line of duty death benefit of 50,000.

This new policy reflects the city's mission to provide adequate and appropriate compensation to the officer's families if they must make the ultimate sacrifice for the City of Kemah in the line of duty. Huge shout out to the Kemah City Council and Chief Jones for making this possible and caring for our first responders!

The City of Kemah also offers employees access to an Employee Assistance Program as an additional benefit. These additional benefits are designed to help employees manage daily responsibilities, significant events, work stresses, or any issues affecting their quality of life. All services offered are confidential and at no cost to the employee! Being a part of our Kemah community sure is rewarding and appreciated!

Some of the many benefits of the EAP are law access, legal and financial services provided by a lawyer, and one to six counseling sessions per problem per year. Work/life services offer help locating daycare for children or medical care for an elderly loved one, researching consumer product and service information, evaluating the latest diet program, or finding the perfect pet sitter. *Go Team Kemah!!!*