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has Allen listed first in Texas, making it the safest city in the state.

The City Crime Ranking study was based on the FBI's September 2008 statistics report which examined nearly 400 communities with a population of at least 75,000 based on per-capita rates for homicide, robbery, rape, burglary, aggravated assault and motor vehicle theft.

Achieving this ranking status is not something the Allen Police Department takes lightly. Police Chief William Rushing stated that the success of the police department can be attributed to several factors:

- The continuous interaction between the department and our neighborhoods and businesses;
- The citizens who volunteer to help serve our community in departmental programs;
- The citizen's active involvement in their community whether or not they participate in department-sponsored crime prevention programs;
- The hard work and dedication of the men and women of the Allen Police Department, along with partnerships with the Allen Independent School District, Chamber of Commerce and our businesses; and
- The mayor, city council and city manager for their vision of the city and continued support of their police department.

These factors, as well as working closely with neighboring law enforcement agencies have made Allen a great place in which to live and work that creates a sense of safe community.

The Allen Police Department also recently received the Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Accreditation from the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation. The voluntary accreditation involves proving compliance with over 160 best practices as determined by the Texas Law Enforcement.

Being "Recognized" means the Allen Police Department meets or exceeds all identified Best Practices for Texas Law Enforcement which cover aspects of law enforcement operations such as use of force, protection of citizen rights, pursuits, property and evidence management, and patrol and investigative operations.

by Kathleen Vaught

For the second year in a row, Allen has been ranked among the ten safest cities in the U.S. A City Crime Rankings study, published by CQ

Press, a unit of Congressional Quarterly Inc., ranked Allen 9th overall nation-wide among cities with a population of more than 75,000. Allen ranked 7th among cities with a population between 75,000 and 99,999. The CQ report

The recognition program ensures an agency has addressed the most critical law enforcement issues in both policy as well as actual operation. The program assures both city management and the citizens of a city that their police department is operating in a manner that reflects the current Best Practices of Law Enforcement. It can provide citizens with reassurance and improve community relations and cooperation—and leads to improved performance within the department.

For more information on the Allen Police Department, please visit their website at [www.cityofallen.org/departments/police](http://www.cityofallen.org/departments/police) or contact them at 214.509.4200. You can also contact the Community Relations Division at 972.727.7400. v

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