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During the 2023 Texas Municipal League (TML) Annual Conference and Exhibition in Dallas, the City of Angleton received a 2023 Municipal Excellence Award in public safety for cities under 25,000 in population. The award recognized the City for its Public Safety Ministry Alliance (PSMA).

Led by the Angleton Police Department, the Public Safety Ministry Alliance provides training and updates on community safety and security. The Alliance consists of area churches, schools, local non-profits, businesses, and city officials who meet every other month to discuss ongoing events. The network shares this information with its respective memberships, which has led to a more informed and prepared community.

On hand at the Conference to accept the award were Mayor John Wright, City Manager Chris Whittaker, Chief Lupe Valdez, Assistant Public Works Director Hector Renteria, City Attorney Judith ElMasri, and Director of Communications and Marketing, Martha Eighme.

The initiative is led by Angleton Police Chief Guadalupe “Lupe” Valdez, who says the goal of the PSMA is community outreach. “We can send a message to thousands of residents using our relationship with our pastors,” Chief Valdez says. “I can get on the phone right now and spread a message faster than the internet by just contacting one pastor. Our relationship is invaluable!”

TML’s Municipal Excellence Awards recognize and encourage the achievements of Texas cities in meeting the challenge of municipal governance. Innovative problem-solving, excellence in management, increasing citizen participation, and reaching higher service levels are all daily occurrences in Texas cities, and they deserve recognition. This awards program seeks out the best of these programs to honor. Awards are given in two population categories (under 25,000 and over 25,000) and five areas (management innovations, communication programs, city spirit, public safety, and public works).

The 2023 TML Annual Conference and Exhibition was held at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas on October 4-6 and attracted more than 3,000 city officials, who learned ways to govern more effectively, discussed critical issues, and shared best practices and solutions.

TML is a voluntary association of 1,175 Texas cities. Guided by its purpose statement—*Empowering Texas cities to serve their cities*—the League provides support and services to city governments. The City of Angleton is a member of TML.

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