



AZLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Rick Pippins, Chief of Police
"Our Community, Our Commitment"

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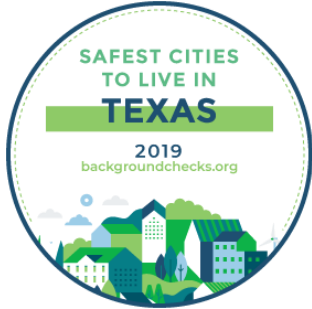
For the sixth consecutive year, the City of Azle has experienced a significant reduction in serious crime, while becoming one of the safest cities in Texas*.

Recently being recognized by *Dallas Business Journal* as one of the fastest growing cities in North Texas, the City of Azle has simultaneously become one of the safest as well.

Beginning in calendar year 2014, Part 1 Crimes, the most serious criminal offenses tracked by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Texas Department of Public Safety, dropped from the previous year by 6% and has continued to drop significantly each and every year since. Currently, the serious crime rate calculated for calendar year 2019, is over 10% lower than 2018, and when 2019 is compared to 2013, it's almost 43% lower**.

Chief Pippins credits this accomplishment to a number of factors, including the department's community-centric approach to policing, an increased level of professionalism among the officers and civilian staff, a result of Azle Police Department's transformation as a "Best Practices," agency recognized by the Texas Police Chief's Association, great support from our city manager and council, and our citizens' cooperation, involvement and communication. "As a department we, along with Azle Fire Department, enjoy the overwhelming support and trust of our community and I cannot overstate the importance this relationship has been on our ability to effectively provide public safety services," said Chief Pippins.

- * backgroundchecks.org named Azle, TX as the 25th safest city in Texas for 2019. <https://backgroundchecks.org/safest-cities-in-texas.html>



- * alarms.com National Council for Home Safety and Security named Azle, TX as the 36th safest city in Texas for 2019. <https://www.alarms.org/safest-cities-in-texas/>



** Azle Police Department records management system data.

UCR Part 1 Offenses	Year						
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Homicide	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Rape	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Robbery	4	8	3	2	3	6	4
Assault	155	146	124	147	162	137	122
Burglary	104	85	83	65	43	27	41
Theft	346	337	242	221	221	203	177
Auto Theft	20	17	13	22	8	29	18
Total/Year	632	594	465	458	437	403	362

Source: Azle Police Department CRIMES
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