

Thomas E. Engells Award for Excellence

Annually, the Texas Association of College and University Police Administrators (TACUPA) presents the Thomas E. Engells Award for Excellence to an outstanding non-sworn campus police or security professional support employee.

The award was established to recognize non-sworn personnel who are a valuable contributor to the overall success of their department. Nominees should demonstrate a devotion to service and support to their colleagues and the community.

This award is named in honor of Thomas E. Engells, who served 35-years in the University of Texas System culminating as Police Chief of the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Chief Engells was an international expert in biosecurity and authored numerous articles in peer-review journals on ethics, leadership, and homeland security. He was a well-regarded leader who took a personal interest in career development and goals of his staff, especially his non-sworn support personnel.

The selected recipient will be presented an award plaque and be honored at the annual TACUPA conference for their achievement.

Eligibility criteria and submission guidelines include:

- Any person employed as a non-field, non-sworn employee at a higher education police or security department that has at least one employee who is a member of TACUPA. Dispatchers are eligible for this award.
- Only one nominee per institution per year may be submitted.
- The nomination may be submitted by anyone but must be endorsed by the Department's Chief Administrative Officer.
- **Each nomination should include a narrative, 1-2 pages in length, outlining the nominee's achievements and contributions to college and university policing. Attach the narrative to an email.**
- Send the nominations to William.ivie@tccd.edu
- Submission deadline is Nov. 3th for that year's award to be presented in December.

Should you have any questions, please contact Commander William Ivie:

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