



# Seguin Police Department

## A Message from Chief Kevin K. Kelso



I am proud to serve as the Chief of Police in Seguin, a vibrant city with a rich history and an exciting future. It is an honor to serve with the 50 sworn officers and 17 civilian personnel that make up our department. They have dedicated themselves to the mission of our department, which is “to provide professional law enforcement service to the citizens and guests of Seguin through a proactive approach to crime, a partnership with the community, and a commitment to service.”



As part of the commitment to this pledge, we are constantly striving to strengthen our bond with the community. A strong partnership between the citizens of Seguin and their police department will forge a stronger barrier against crime and disorder.

I promise to listen to your concerns, address problems expeditiously, and seek long term solutions to community problems.

As our city grows, so will the ranks of the police department. An expanded workforce means more interactions with our citizens. I welcome new residents and invite them to become part of our team. A team member might participate in a neighborhood watch program, volunteer with local schools or youth services, volunteer with our department, or simply being a caring, considerate neighbor.

It is incumbent upon me to let our community partners see a clear picture of the crime trends in our city. Uniform Crime Report Statistics show that the crime rate in the United States has dropped in the last ten years. This is mirrored in the statistics for Seguin. In fact, we have experienced a 22% decline in overall crime during the last year.

Statistics reveal that the rate of homicide, theft, and auto theft is much lower than that of neighbors. All other categories of crime show statistics that are comparable between all three cities. The only exception is the statistic for the crime of rape. The reason for this anomaly is based on the fact that reporting has increased in our area due to awareness campaigns and partnerships with agencies such as the Children’s Advocacy Center. Overall, our crime rate is 9% lower than that in San Marcos and similar to that of New Braunfels.

Seguin is on the verge of enormous growth thanks to a progressive city council, city administration, and economic development. We are welcoming new industry into our community and with that is the potential for new city residents. For those of you considering a move to our city, I hope you will pay us a visit. The City of Seguin is a wonderful place to raise a family; I know this well because it is my new adopted home town.

For statistical data, contact the Seguin Police Department at 830-379-2123.