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La Porte Police Property Technician Named Evidence Custodian of the Year for Texas

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**LPPD Property Technician Wendy Large
accepts State award**

On October 25th, La Porte Police Department's Wendy Large was formally recognized by the Texas Association of Property Inventory and Evidence Technicians (TAPEIT) as the outstanding evidence custodian for 2012 due to her outstanding commitment to duty and overall precision in her daily activities within the Law Enforcement arena. As a 10-year veteran of the La Porte Police Department, Large has been involved in the overall care, control, and custody of countless valuables and highly-significant pieces of crime scene evidence. Large, who was already highly respected and appreciated by members of her own agency, has now received statewide distinction for her personal work ethic.

Founded in 1997, TAPEIT's overarching goal is to promote professional education, and overarching guidelines for maintaining the integrity, chain of custody, and disposal of property and evidence. The organization not only provides ongoing professional education and training, but also provides clear legal interpretations, develops agreements between the District Attorney's Office and local law enforcement agencies on disposal and return of property and evidence to victims, establishes time limits for courts to notify agencies of disposition of property and evidence, and publishes examples of standard operating procedures for all Property and Evidence Technicians to utilize.

Large's ongoing performance and thorough manner, while long-known by members of LPPD, have now been appreciated in a large public setting among her state-based peers. In addition, by receiving such a prestigious recognition award, Large joins an elite few who have proved themselves significant contributors in Law Enforcement throughout the State of Texas. For more information on La Porte Police Department's property and evidence procedures, please contact the department at 281-842-3121.