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## **CITY'S VITAL STATISTICS PROGRAM RECEIVES STATE AWARD SINCE 1999**

The City of Harlingen's Vital Statistics Program last month received the Texas Department of State Health Services' Five Star Award for 2015.

The Vital Statistics Unit of the DSHS has given the award to the City's Vital Statistics Program of the Health Department since 1999.

The State's Five Star criteria are as follows:

- Timeliness – File death certificates in 10 days or less, and register 95 percent of births within one business day;
- Managing Registration – Submit a fully-completed local registrar, self-assessment survey provided by the state's VSU;
- Training – Attend the annual vital statistics conference; and
- Remote – Search-to-print ration of 60 percent or greater.

“Kudos to the City's Vital Statistics Program for receiving this well-deserved Award,” said Ramiro Gonzales, City of Harlingen's Environmental Health Director.

The Vital Statistics Program is an essential function of the City and is a necessary resource.

“City staff continues to provide top-notch services to the community,” City Manager Dan Serna said. “State recognition further demonstrates what a great team we have.”

Members of the Vital Statistics Program are Local Registrar Diana Vargas, Deputy Registrar Noemi de la Fuente and Deputy Registrar Elisa Domanski.

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**The City of Harlingen’s Vital Statistics Program has received state recognition since 1999 for its outstanding service. Pictured from left are Environmental Health Director Ramiro Gonzales, R.S.; Deputy Registrar Noemi de la Fuente; Deputy Registrar Elisa Domanski; Local Registrar Diana Vargas and Mayor Chris Boswell.**