

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ewing Police Department is scheduled for an assessment as part of its program to achieve accreditation by verifying that it meets recognized professional best practices.

Administered by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, the accreditation program requires agencies to comply with best practice standards in five basic areas: the administrative function, the personnel function, the operations function, the investigative function, and the arrestee/detainee function.

Agency employees and the public are invited to offer comments by calling 609-331-1599 on April 19, 2021 between the hours of 10am-11am. Comments will be taken by the Assessment Team. Email comments can be sent to the police department at at policeadmin@ewingnj.org.

Telephone comments are limited to 5 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the NJSACOP standards. Please contact Captain Jeffrey Jacobs at 609-882-1313 x 5562 for more information.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Ewing Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them by email to Harry J Delgado, Ed.S Accreditation Program Director, hdelgado@njsacop.org, or write to the New Jersey State Association of Chief's of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 751 Route 73 North, Suite 12, Marlton, N.J. 08053.

**PRESS RELEASE
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Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

(Ewing Police Department / Mercer County, NJ) A team of assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) will arrive on Monday, April 19, 2021 to examine all aspects of the Ewing Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief Albert Rhodes announced today.

"It is essential in maintaining the public's trust to demonstrate the Ewing Police Department operates under "best practices" in law enforcement standards. Meeting the NJSACOP Commission's vigorous standards and achieving re-accreditation is a highly sought-after accomplishment.", Rhodes said.

As part of this final on-site assessment, employees and members of the general public are invited to provide comments to the assessment team. They may do so by telephone or email. The public may call (609) 331-1599 on Monday, April 19, 2021 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Comments can also be emailed to policeadmin@ewingnj.org.

Telephone comments are limited to 5 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the NJSACOP standards. A copy of the standards is available for inspection at the Ewing Police Department, located at 2 Jake Garzio Drive, Ewing, NJ. The Ewing Police Department's Accreditation Manager is Captain Jeffrey Jacobs. Captain Jacobs can be reached by phone (609) 882-1313 extension 5562.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Ewing Police Department ability to comply with the standards for accreditation is requested to email the Accreditation Program Director at hdelgado@njsacop.org or write the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 751 Route 73 North, Suite 12 Marlton, N.J. 08053.

The Ewing Police Department must comply with NJSACOP LEAP standards. Chief Rhodes indicated, *"Accreditation reduces the risk of liability and provides greater accountability and transparency in the agency while strengthening the confidence the community has in our ability to carry out our mission."*

The Accreditation Program Manager for the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police is Mr. Harry J. Delgado. *"The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar New Jersey law enforcement agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview agency members, and visit offices and other places where compliance with the standards can be observed. Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they will report to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status,"* Harry J. Delgado stated.

Accreditation is valid for a three-year period during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting to their continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police through its New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission is the legitimate authority and accreditation agency in the state of New Jersey. For more information regarding the Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission please write the Commission at New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 751 Route 73 North, Suite 12 Marlton, N.J. 08053 or email hdelgado@njsacop.org

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