



Ewing Police Department

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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 Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 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 Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 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. Please contact the Ewing Police Department's Accreditation Manager, Captain Charles Morgan, for information about the standards. Captain Morgan can be reached by phone (609) 882-1313 extension 7999.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Ewing Police Department's 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 in order to achieve accredited status. 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 Director for the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police is Mr. Harry J. Delgado, Ed.S. *"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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