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Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

(Princeton / Mercer County, NJ) A team of assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) will arrive on March 2nd and 3rd, 2017, to re-examine all aspects of the Princeton Police Department policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services Chief Nicholas Sutter announced today.

“Re-verification by the team that the Princeton Police Department meets the Commission’s “best practice” standards is part of a voluntary process to remaining as an accredited agency, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence”, Chief Sutter said.

The Princeton Police Department was originally awarded accredited status in 2014.

Agency employees and the public are invited to offer comments by calling (609) 921-2100 ext. 1867 on Thursday March 2, 2017 between the hours of 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Comments will be taken by the Assessment Team. Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Princeton Police Department’s ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them by email to Harry J. Delgado, Ed. S, Accreditation Program Manager, hdelgado@njsacop.org, by phone (856) 334-8943, or write to the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 751 Route 73 North, Suite 12 Marlton, N.J. 08053.

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 Princeton Police Department, 1 Valley Road, Princeton, N.J. Please contact Lt. Christopher Morgan at (609) 921-2100 ext.1831.

The Princeton Police Department must comply with 105 standards in order to remain accredited. Chief Sutter indicated, *“Accreditation results in greater accountability within the agency, reduced risk and liability exposure, stronger defense against civil lawsuits, increased community advocacy, and more confidence in the agency’s ability to operate efficiently and respond to community needs.”*

The Accreditation Program Manager 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.

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 1751 Route 73 North, Suite 12 Marlton, N.J. 08053 or email hdelgado@njsacop.org

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