



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

Police Department

MERCER COUNTY

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PRESS RELEASE

Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

(Hopewell Township/Mercer County, NJ) A team of assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) will arrive on Sunday February 19, 2017 to examine all aspects of the Hopewell Twp. Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services Chief Lance Maloney announced today.

"Members of the Hopewell Township Police Department have worked tirelessly towards meeting the "best practice" standards set by the Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. The Hopewell Township Police Department will continue to strive for professional excellence on a daily basis and we look forward to joining the ranks of other recognized accredited police departments in New Jersey", Chief Maloney 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) 737-0605 ext. 6660 on Sunday February 19, 2017, between the hours of 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Email comments can be sent to mcsere@sak@hoewelltp.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 Hopewell Twp. Police Department, 201 Washington Crossing Pennington Road, Hopewell Twp., NJ 08560. Please contact Sergeant Michael Cseremsak, Accreditation Manager at (609) 737-3100 ext. 5460.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Hopewell Twp. Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation is requested to email the Accreditation Program Manager 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 Hopewell Twp. Police Department must comply with 105 standards in order to achieve accredited status. Chief Maloney 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 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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