



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lakewood Township Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of its program to achieve accreditation by verifying that it meets nationally recognized professional standards.

Administered by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, the accreditation program requires agencies to comply with best practice standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

Agency employees and the public are invited to offer comments by calling 732-994-4575 on Monday, 01/23/2017 between the hours of 9:00AM – 11:00AM. Comments will be taken by the Assessment Team. Email comments can be sent to the police department at accreditation@lakewoodpolicenj.com.

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 Lakewood Township Police Department, 231 Third St., Lakewood, N.J. 08701. Please contact D/Sgt. Jeannette Shimonovich at 732-363-0200 ext. 5393 for more information.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Lakewood Township Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them by email to Harry J Delgado, Accreditation Program Manager, hdelgado@njsacop.org, by phone 856.334.8943, 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.



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Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

(Lakewood Township / Ocean County, NJ) A team of assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) will arrive on Monday, 01/23/17, to examine all aspects of the Lakewood Township Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services Chief Gregory H. Meyer announced today.

"Verification by the team that the Lakewood Township Police Department meets the Commission's "best practice" standards is part of a voluntary process to achieve accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence", Chief Meyer 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 732-994-4575 on Monday, 01/23/2017 between the hours of 9:00AM – 11:00AM. Comments will be taken by the Assessment Team. Email comments can be sent to the police department at accreditation@lakewoodpolicenj.com.

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The Lakewood Township Police Department must comply with 106 standards in order to achieve accredited status. Chief Meyer 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. *“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