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Millburn Police Department Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

Millburn Township, Essex County, NJ, March 6, 2013 ... A team of assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) will arrive on Sunday, March 24 to examine all aspects of the Millburn Township Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief Gregory Weber announced today.

"Verification by the team that the Millburn 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 Weber 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 by contacting the Police Department at 973-564-7028 or via e-mail, mpalardy@millburntwp.org, on Monday, March 25, between 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

Telephone comments are limited to five 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 Millburn Township Police Department, 435 Essex Street, Millburn, N.J. 07041. Please contact Captain Michael Palardy at 973-564-7001 for more information.

Written comments regarding the Millburn Township Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation can be forwarded to Harry J. Delgado, Accreditation Program Manager, hdelgado@njsacop.org or to the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 11,000

Lincoln Drive West, Suite 12, Marlton, N.J. 08053. Verbal comments can be telephoned to 856-988-5880.

The Millburn Township Police Department must comply with 112 standards in order to achieve accredited status. Chief Weber 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."

According to Accreditation Program Manager for the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Harry 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."

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, Delgado said.

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, contact the Commission at New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, 11,000 Lincoln Drive West, Suite 12, Marlton, N.J. 08053

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