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Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

A team of assessors from the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC) will arrive on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, to examine all aspects of the Howell Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief George Basar announced today.

"Verification by the team that the Howell Police Department meets the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission's "best practice" standards is part of a voluntary process to achieve accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence", Chief Basar 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 517-540-6706 on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.. Email comments can be sent to police@cityofhowell.org.

Telephone comments are limited to five (5) minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the Commission's standards. A copy of the standards are available for inspection at the Howell Police Department at 611 E. Grand River Ave. Please contact Sergeant Matt Kelleher or Sergeant David Fogo at 517-546-1330.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Howell Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation is requested to email the Accreditation Program manager at nrossow@michiganpolicechiefs.org or write the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 3474 Alaiadon Pkwy, Suite 600, Okemos, MI 48864.

The Howell Police Department must comply with 105 standards in order to achieve accredited status. Chief Basar 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 Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police is Ret. Chief Neal Rossow. *"The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar Michigan 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 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",* Neal Rossow 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 MACP, through its Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, is the legitimate authority and accreditation agency in the state of Michigan. For more information regarding the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, please write the Commission at: MACP, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 3474 Alaiedon Pkwy, Suite 600, Okemos, MI 48864 or email at nrossow@michiganpolicechiefs.org.

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