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PRESS RELEASE

Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

(Freehold Borough/Monmouth County, NJ) A team of assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) will arrive on Sunday May 19, 2019 and Monday May 20, 2019, to examine all aspects of the Freehold Borough Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services Chief Craig Dispenza announced today.

"Verification by the team that the Freehold Borough 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 Dispenza 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 (908) 670-0842 on Monday May 20, 2019 between the hours of 9:00 AM-11:00 AM. Email comments can be sent to wodellm@freeholdpolice.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 Freehold Borough Police Department, 36 Jackson Street Freehold, NJ 07728. Please contact Lieutenant Mark Wodell, Accreditation Manager at (732) 462-1233 ext 121.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Freehold Borough 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 Freehold Borough Police Department must comply with 105 standards in order to achieve accredited status. Chief Roberts 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.

