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Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

A team of assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) will arrive on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 to examine all aspects of the ***Ocean County Sheriff's Office*** policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services Sheriff William L. Polhemus announced today.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments by calling 732-288-7658 on Thursday, December 6, 2012 between 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

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 Ocean County Sheriff's Office, located at 120 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ. The local contact is Captain David Schenk, who can be reached at 732-929-2050 ext. 5304

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about Ocean County Sheriff's Office ability to comply with the standards for accreditation is requested to write: New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at One Greentree Centre, Suite 201 Marlton, N.J. 08053

The Ocean County Sheriff's Office must comply with 112 standards in order to achieve accredited status. Sheriff Polhemus said, "Accreditation is not just a certificate. It clearly indicates our commitment to perform at a high level of excellence in our field as assessed by our peers nation-wide."

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 One Greentree Centre, Suite 201, Marlton, N.J. 08053