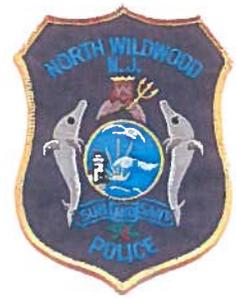


NORTH WILDWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE



INCIDENT:	NJSACOP Accreditation	DATE/TIME:	11/4/16
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Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

The North Wildwood Police Department will have a team of assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) arriving on Monday November 14, 2016 to examine all aspects of the North Wildwood Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services Chief Matthew T. Gallagher announced today.

"Verification by the team that the North Wildwood 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 Gallagher said.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments by calling 609-522-2030 x 1625 Monday, November 14, 2016 between 10:00 A.M. & 12:00 P.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 North Wildwood Police Department, located at 901 Atlantic Avenue North Wildwood, NJ. The local contact for the standards copy is Captain Kevin Tolan who can be reached at 609-522-2030 x 1502.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the North Wildwood Police Department's 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 571 Route 73 North, Suite 12, Marlton, N.J. 08053, or email comments to hdelgado@njsacop.org

The North Wildwood Police Department must comply with 105 standards in order to achieve accredited status. Chief Gallagher indicated, *"Accreditation results in greater accountability within our department, 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. "Accreditation provides objective evidence of an agency's commitment to excellence in leadership, resource management and service delivery" Harry J. Delgado, Ed.S. 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.

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