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Farmington Hills Police Department Invites Public Comment During Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Reaccreditation Assessment

FHPD has been accredited since 2018 and reaccreditation will verify the Department's continued commitment to operating at the highest industry standards

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (Aug. 20, 2024) — The Farmington Hills Police Department has been working diligently over the past three years towards the goal of reaccreditation through the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP). On Aug. 22 and 23, a team of assessors from the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC) will conduct a final on-site assessment of all aspects of the Farmington Hills Police Department, including policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

"Verification that the Farmington Hills Police Department meets the MLEAC's best practices is part of a voluntary process to achieve reaccreditation," said Farmington Hills Police Chief Jeff King. "This highly sought-after accomplishment is a source of pride to the community and members of the department."

As part of this final on-site assessment, employees and members of the public are invited to provide comments to the assessment team on Aug. 22, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. During this time, community members may call (248) 871-2710 or email comments to Assistant Chief John Piggott at jpiggott@fhgov.com.

Telephone comments are limited to five minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the Commission's standards. Copies of the standards are available at the Farmington Hills Police Department, located at 31655 W. Eleven Mile Road, and online.

Anyone wishing to offer additional written comments about the Farmington Hills Police Departments' ability to comply with the standards for re-accreditation can email Ron Wiles, accreditation program manager, at Rwiles@michiganpolicechiefs.org or write to the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 3474 Alaiedon Pkwy, Suite 600, Okemos, MI 48864.

The Farmington Hills Police Department must demonstrate compliance with more than 100 standards to achieve reaccreditation status. Achieving reaccreditation increases professionalism, encourages transparency, and strengthens community partnerships.

"The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from Michigan law enforcement agencies," said Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police accreditation program manager Ron Wiles. Wiles is also a retired police chief. "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."

Accreditation is valid for a three-year period, during which time the agency must submit annual reports demonstrating their continued compliance with the standards under which it was initially accredited. The MACP, through its MLEAC, is the legitimate authority and accreditation agency in the state of Michigan.

For more information about the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police or the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, visit www.michiganpolicechiefs.org.

For more information about the Farmington Hills Police Department, visit www.fhgov.com/department-and-services/police/.

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