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SUBJECT: Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

Fair Lawn- A team of assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) on 05/23/25, will examine all aspects of the Fair Lawn Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services Acting Chief Joseph Dawicki announced today.

"Verification by the team that the Fair Lawn Police Department meets the Commission's "best practice" standards are part of a voluntary process to achieve accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence", Acting Chief Joseph Dawicki said.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments to the assessment team by calling (201) 794-5407 on 5/23/25 between 10:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Email comments may be sent to Lt. James Krizek jkrizek@fairlawnpd.com

Telephone comments are limited to 5 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the NJSACOP standards. Please contact Lieutenant James Krizek, at (201) 794-5407 for information about the standards.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Fair Lawn Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation can email the Accreditation Program Director at hdelgado@njsacop.org or write to: New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 751 Rt. 73 North, Suite 12, Marlton, NJ 08053.

The Fair Lawn Police Department must comply with NJSACOP LEAP standards in order to achieve accredited status. Acting Chief Joseph Dawicki 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 Director 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 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

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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, NJ 08053 or email hdelgado@njsacop.org

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