



Bloomfield Township Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment November 28, 2022

(BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP / OAKLAND COUNTY, MI) A team of assessors from the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC) will arrive on Monday December 12th, 2022 examine all aspects of the Bloomfield Township Police Department policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services Chief James Gallagher announced today.

“Verification by the team that the Bloomfield Township Police Department meets the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission’s “best practice” standards are part of a voluntary process to achieve accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence”, Chief James Gallagher 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 248-723-3580 on Monday December 12th, 2022, between the hours of 1:00pm and 3:00pm. Email comments can be sent to jgallagher@bloomfieldtwp.org.

Telephone comments are limited to five (5) minutes and must address the agency’s ability to comply with the Commission’s standards. A copy of the standards are available for inspection at the Bloomfield Township Police Department, 4200 Telegraph Rd Bloomfield Hills, MI 48322. Please contact Chief James Gallagher at 248-433-7750.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Bloomfield Township Police Department’s ability to comply with the standards for accreditation is requested to email the Accreditation Program manager at nrossow@michiganpolicechiefs.org or write the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 3474 Alaiedon Pkwy, Suite 600, Okemos, MI 48864.

The Bloomfield Township Police Department must comply with 105 standards in order to achieve accredited status. Chief James Gallagher 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 Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police is Ret. Chief Neal Rossow. *“The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar Michigan 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 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”,* Neal Rossow 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 MACP, through its Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, is the legitimate authority and accreditation agency in the state of Michigan. For more information regarding the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, please write the Commission at: MACP, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 3474 Alaieton Pkwy, Suite 600, Okemos, MI 48864 or email at nrossow@michiganpolicechiefs.org.

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