

Stockton Campus Police Seeking to Renew Accreditation by N.J. Commission

Public Invited to Comment Nov. 23 on Agency's Ability to Comply with
New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Standards

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Galloway, NJ - A team of assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) will arrive on Nov. 22, 2015 to examine all aspects of the Stockton University Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Interim Chief Cynthia Parker announced today.

"Verification by the team that the Stockton University Police Department meets the New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission's "best practice" standards is part of a voluntary process to achieve accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence," Parker said.

Stockton's full service law enforcement agency was previously certified by NJSACOP and also has obtained national recognition from the Commission of Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Accreditation is valid for a three-year period during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting to its continued compliance with the standards under which it was initially accredited.

The Stockton Police Department must comply with 105 standards in order to achieve accredited status. "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," said Parker.

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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 (609)652-4378 on **Monday, Nov. 23**, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Email comments can be sent to Officer Theodore Idell at idelit@stockton.edu.

Telephone comments are limited to five 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 Stockton University Police Headquarters, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, N.J. Please contact Officer Idell at (609) 652-4378 or idelit@stockton.edu.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Stockton University Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation is requested to email the accreditation program manager at hdelgado@njsacop.org or write to the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 751 Route 73 North, Suite 12 Marlton, N.J. 08053.

The accreditation program manager for the NJSACOP is Harry J. Delgado. "The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar New Jersey law enforcement agencies," said Delgado. "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."

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 or email hdelgado@njsacop.org

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