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ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

An assessment team from the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) will be in East Dundee on July 13th and July 14th to examine all aspects of the East Dundee Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. The East Dundee Police Department has chosen to undergo this voluntary process to gain accreditation, which has been a top priority for Chief of Police George Carpenter.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency personnel, elected officials and members of the community are invited to call-in with their comments during a public information session on July 13th, between the hours of 3:45 p.m. and 4:45 p.m., at 1-847-343-4753. Telephone comments are limited to five minutes and must address the department's ability to meet ILEAP standards. A copy of the standards is available to view on the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police web site at: <https://www.ilchiefs.org/ileap-illinois-law-enforcement-accreditation-program> (ILEAP Manual). The local contact is Accreditation Manager/Administrative Officer John R. Lawson.

Written comments discussing the East Dundee Police Department's ability to meet standards for accreditation should be mailed or emailed to:

East Dundee Police Department
Attention: ILEAP Accreditation Process 115 E. 3rd Street
East Dundee, IL 60118

-or-

Via email at: JHAMER@MACOMBPOLICE.COM

Accreditation requires proof of meeting or exceeding 67 areas of ILEAP criteria or standards. These are policy guidelines that represent best practices for delivering professional service to the community. A true measure of compliance with these standards is having peers review our practices in person. Acquiring accreditation is an important achievement for both the department and the community. The assessment team is composed of public safety practitioners from other agencies in Illinois. The assessors

will review written material, interview individuals, visit officers, elected officials and inspect other locations where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors are:

- Lieutenant Jeff Hamer, Macomb Police Department, Macomb IL (Lead Assessor)
- Lieutenant Sara Balmas, Lake County Sheriff's Office, Department of Law Enforcement, Waukegan IL

Once ILEAP Assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the ILEAP Committee Chairman of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. The files are reviewed and distributed to the council and acted on at the Council's next scheduled meeting, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status. Accreditation lasts for four years. To maintain accreditation status, the East Dundee Police Department must submit annual reports attesting to continued compliance with those standards, under which it was initially accredited.

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