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Hillsborough Township Police Department Receives N.J. State Accreditation *3rd Consecutive Time – Only 8 Departments in Somerset County have received honor*

Hillsborough Township Police Chief Darren Powell has announced that the Township Police Department was recently awarded the New Jersey State Accreditation by the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police (NJSCOP) for the 3rd time in as many cycles.

Mr. Harry Delgado, Accreditation Program Manager for the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police presented the re-accreditation certificate to the Township at Tuesday's Township Committee Meeting.

According to Chief Powell, "Over the past several years, department personnel participated in a thorough and rigorous self inspection of department policy and operations, generally the primary functions performed by the department involving administration, patrol, investigations, traffic, and training."

In order to achieve accreditation, the Hillsborough Township Police Department was required to comply with 105 different standards. Chief Powell 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."

Areas examined included: police role and authority; organization and administration; direction; distribution of personnel; fiscal management; disciplinary procedures; recruitment and selection; training and career development; promotion processes; patrol operations; criminal investigations, juvenile operations; detainee processing and detention; internal affairs; public information; traffic operations; communication operations; police records; collection and preservation of evidence; and property and evidence control.

"We are continually proud of the professionalism and integrity of our Police Department," concluded Mayor Carl Suraci.

The Hillsborough Township Police Department is one of eight departments in Somerset County to have received accreditation.

About the State of New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police:

Mission - to promote and enhance the highest ethical and professional standard in law enforcement at all levels throughout New Jersey. It 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, NJ 08053.

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