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### **Birmingham Police Department Achieves Accreditation Status**

BIRMINGHAM, MI, August 25, 2021 – After an extensive process, the Birmingham Police Department has officially obtained the status of an accredited agency through the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. During the City Commission meeting on Monday, August 23, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) Director of Professional Development Neal Rossow, MACP Executive Director Robert Stevenson, and MACP President Ronald Wiles awarded Birmingham Police Chief Mark Clemence with the official certificate of accreditation.

Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping law enforcement agencies calculate and improve their overall performances. A thorough self-analysis was completed to determine which existing operations already met some of the accreditation standards, and how the procedures could be adapted to meet the standards and professional objectives. Once procedures were in place, a team of trained Commission assessors verified that applicable standards were successfully implemented. A hearing was held by the Accreditation Commission to review the assessors' report and conduct an interview with Chief Clemence and the accreditation team. The



*Left to Right: Commander Scott Grewe, Officer Gina Moody, Sergeant Mike Romanowski, Chief Mark Clemence, Lieutenant Greg Wald and Commander Mike Albrecht*

Accreditation Commission voted unanimously to approve the Birmingham Police Department accredited status.

“As Chief of Police it is my duty to ensure we deliver the highest quality standards, transparency with the public, and meet the needs and expectations of our citizens. This program goes a long way to ensure we do all of those things,” said Chief Clemence. “The men and women who serve this department work extremely hard and I could not be more proud of them.”

The Birmingham Police Department is one of only 6% of all law enforcement agencies in the state that have reached this accreditation status. Learn more about the program at [www.bhamgov.org/policeaccreditation](http://www.bhamgov.org/policeaccreditation).

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