



# BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

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#### Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

(Birmingham / Oakland County, MI) A team of assessors from the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC) will arrive on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to examine all aspects of the Birmingham Police Department policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services Chief Mark Clemence announced today.

*“Verification by the team that the Birmingham Police Department meets the Michigan 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”,* Chief Clemence 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 248-530-1791 on April 21, 2021 between the hours of 9:30 a.m – 11:30 a.m. Email comments can be sent to [birminghampolice@bhamgov.org](mailto:birminghampolice@bhamgov.org), please put “Accreditation comments” in the subject line. 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 Birmingham Police Department 151 Martin, Birmingham, MI 48009. Please contact Lieutenant Greg Wald at 248-530-1775 for more information.

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

The Birmingham Police Department must comply with 105 standards in order to achieve accredited status. Chief Clemence 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*



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*members, 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 Alaiedon Pkwy, Suite 600, Okemos, MI 48864 or email at [nrossow@michiganpolicechiefs.org](mailto:nrossow@michiganpolicechiefs.org).

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