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Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

NOVI, Mich., December 12, 2023 - A team of assessors from the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC) will arrive on Thursday, December 28, 2023, to examine all aspects of the Novi Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services Director of Public Safety / Chief of Police Erick Zinser announced today.

"Our agency achieved initial accreditation with MLEAC in 2018 and we were reaccredited in 2021. This is our second reaccreditation process, which is a testament to our commitment to professional excellence," Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police Erick Zinser 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 248-567-0310 on Thursday, December 28, 2023, between the hours of 1 and 3 PM.

Telephone comments are limited to five minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the Commission's standards. A copy of the standards is available for inspection at the Novi Police Department located at 45125 W. Ten Mile Rd, Novi, MI 48375. Please contact Robert Manar, Sergeant – Training and Standards at 248-347-0572.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Novi Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation is requested to email the Accreditation Program manager at rwiles@michiganpolicechiefs.org or write the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 3474 Alaiedon Pkwy, Suite 600, Okemos, MI 48864.

The Novi Police Department must comply with 108 standards in order to achieve *accredited status*. *Director of Public Safety / Chief of Police Erick Zinser indicated*, "Accreditation is a commitment to best practices. It helps keep our policies and procedures current and up to date. While it is a voluntary process, we feel that it is an important and necessary step we must take to keep our agency running the most efficiently it can."

The Accreditation Program Director for the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police is Chief Ron Wiles (Ret.). "The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from

similar Michigan law enforcement agencies. 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 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", Ron Wiles 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 rwiles@michiganpolicechiefs.org

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