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Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

Bensenville, IL - The Bensenville Police Department obtained a Tier 1 level accreditation status with the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) in January of 2015. The Bensenville Police Department is seeking advancement to the Tier 2 level accreditation. A team from ILEAP will be in Bensenville on February 28th and March 1st to determine if the Bensenville Police Department should receive the organization's Tier 2 accreditation.

The police department will be judged on the basis of 180 separate ILEAP standards regarding administration, operations, personnel, and training. The department has been revising its policies and procedures during the past year in order to meet the standards set by ILEAP. In order to complete the accreditation process, the policies and procedures must not only reflect the standards established by ILEAP, but the files that are developed must show that the department is following its own policies and procedures.

In order to complete the process, two ILEAP assessors, Deputy Chief Holly Nearing, retired, of the Champaign PD and Sergeant John Lawson, retired, of the Roselle Police Department, will conduct an on-site assessment of the Bensenville Police Department. Agency personnel, elected officials and members of the community are invited to offer comments during a public information call in session on February 28th between the hours of 1:30-2:30 p.m. at 630-350-3455. Telephone comments are limited to 5 minutes and must address the department's ability to meet the ILEAP standards.

Accreditation will demonstrate that the department has achieved a level of professionalism among our law enforcement peers and validates the methods in which department members provide service to the residents and the general public in our community. In addition to improving the agency's relationship with the community, accreditation makes the agency more accountable for its actions limiting liability and risk exposure.