



# Press Release

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### Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

(STONE HARBOR / CAPE MAY COUNTY, NJ) A team of assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) will arrive on Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016, to examine all aspects of the Stone Harbor Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services Chief of Police, Paul Reynolds, announced today. The team will verify that the Stone Harbor Police Department meets the best practices and accreditation standards.

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 609-368-1455 on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016, between the hours of 9 AM and 11 AM. Email comments can be sent to [shpd@police.stone-harbor.nj.us](mailto:shpd@police.stone-harbor.nj.us).

Telephone comments are limited to 5 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the NJSACOP standards. A copy of the standards is available for inspection through the borough website at <http://stoneharbornj.org/departments/stone-harbor-public-safety/police/> or at the Stone Harbor Police Department, 9508 Second Avenue, Stone Harbor, New Jersey. Please contact Stone Harbor Police administrative personnel at 609-368-1455 to arrange for a viewing of the standards.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Stone Harbor Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation is requested to email the Accreditation Program manager at [hdelgado@njsacop.org](mailto:hdelgado@njsacop.org) or write to: New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 751 Route 73 North, Suite 12 Marlton, N.J. 08053.

The Stone Harbor Police Department must comply with over 100 standards in order to achieve accredited status.

The Accreditation Program Manager for the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police is Mr. Harry J Delgado. *"The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar New Jersey 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 Commission's 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"*, Harry J Delgado 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 New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police through its New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission 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, N.J. 08053 or email [hdelgado@njsacop.org](mailto:hdelgado@njsacop.org).

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## **Public Notice**



The Stone Harbor Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of its program to achieve accreditation by verifying that it meets recognized professional best practices.

Administered by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, the accreditation program requires agencies to comply with best practice standards in five basic areas: the administrative function, the personnel function, the operations function, the investigative function, and the arrestee/detainee function.

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