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**STATE ACCREDITATION TEAM TO ASSESS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

DeKalb, IL – A team from the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP), provided as a service by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), will arrive in DeKalb on May 15, 2019 to inspect and assess all aspects of the DeKalb Police Department including its policies and operations, Police Chief Gene Lowery announced today.

The on-site assessment is expected to last two days, and during that time the assessors will determine whether the DeKalb Police Department meets each of the standards necessary to achieve ILEAP's Tier Two Accreditation Program. The Tier Two program is ILEAP's most rigorous assessment, comprised of 180 professional standards that are reflected in the police department's operating policies and practices. The standards are divided into four general subject areas: Administration, Operations, Personnel and Training.

The ILEAP assessment consists of a comprehensive review of the police department's written policies prior to the on-site assessment, including an analysis of documents provided as proof that the prescribed standards are being met. The on-site assessment includes a department tour, vehicle inspections, staff interviews, ride-alongs, and an inspection of operations in the areas of Records, Evidence, Patrol, Investigations, and Communications. A complete list of the standards can be viewed in the ILEAP section of the IACP's website at [www.ilchiefs.org](http://www.ilchiefs.org).

The general public has the opportunity to provide input on this assessment. There will be a two-hour phone-in session where members of the public can speak directly to one of the assessors to provide comment and opinion about the operations of the police department. Members of the public may call 815-748-8180 on Wednesday, May 15 between 1 PM and 3 PM. During those times, the phone will be answered directly by one of the assessors who will receive public comments.

"Receiving state accreditation represents a significant accomplishment by the police department in ensuring compliance to an established program of professional standards," Chief Gene Lowery said. "We have been working toward this goal for several years and are pleased to have the opportunity to be recognized for delivering on our mission and upholding our ethical standards."

Following the on-site assessment, the assessment team provides a report about the on-site findings and any recommendations regarding accreditation status to the ILEAP Council, who will review the police department's accreditation application and assessment results at their next regular meeting.

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