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East Providence Police invite the public to contact Assessment Team

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – A team of Assessors from the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission (RIPAC) will arrive at the East Providence Police Department on April 3, 2023 to examine all aspects of the agency's policies and procedures, management, operations and support services.

"The Department is step closer to reaching accreditation," Chief Chris Francesconi said. "We are looking forward to hearing from the public and members and being reviewed by the assessment team."

Verification by the RIPAC Assessment Team that the East Providence Police Dept. meets the Commission's Standards is part of a voluntary process by which the agency seeks recognition of professional excellence in law enforcement.

As part of the onsite assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments to the assessment team by telephone. The public is invited to contact the Assessment Team at (401) 270-3954 on April 3, 2023 between the hours of 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with RIPAC Standards. A copy of the RIPAC Standards are available for review at the East

Providence Police Accreditation Office at City Hall, Third Floor (Room 303). Questions concerning compliance with any of the Standards may be directed to Lt. Maari Stainer at (401) 435-7600 x 20181.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the East Providence Police Dept.'s ability to meet the standards for accreditation are asked to contact: RIPAC Executive Director Christine Crocker by e-mail at <u>crocker.riapc@cox.net</u> or call (401) 440-4352.

Accreditation is for three (3) years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those applicable standards under which they were accredited.

For more information regarding the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission (RIPAC) please contact Executive Director Christine Crocker.