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City of Lawrenceburg Tennessee
Mr. Doug Edwards
Human Resources Director
25 Public Square
Lawrenceburg, Tennessee 38464

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Mr. Edwards:

On a recent visit we discussed an option to the police department accreditation program of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) – the Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation program (TLEA).

The TLEA program is hosted by the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police and was established to improve the quality of law enforcement agencies in the State of Tennessee and ultimately the quality of services provided to the citizens of Tennessee. It is designed to further professional standards in the areas of accountability, management, and operations.

Information about the program can be found at:

<http://tacp.org/getdoc/faca6003-3f4c-4fa6-bea3-98c63868f0e6/COSTS?ext=.swf>

Twenty-nine (29) agencies are currently accredited under this program including the Tennessee Highway Patrol and area police departments in Fayetteville, McMinnville, and Murfreesboro.

For more information about the TLEA, please contact Alice Grunau, Accreditation Program Manager, at 615-726-8227 or alice@tacp.org.

A copy of their latest newsletter is enclosed.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey J. Broughton
Municipal Management Consultant

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TENNESSEE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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SEVERAL AGENCIES RECEIVE FIRST AWARDS OF ACCREDITATION

It's been a busy few months in the TLEA program. Several agencies have been awarded with their first awards of



accreditation. Congratulations to the **Sevier County Sheriff's Department** on achieving accreditation in the Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. During Sevier County's meeting on February 17th, Morristown Chief Roger Overholt awarded Sevier County Sheriff Ron Seals, Deputy Chief Steve O. Watson and Accreditation Manager Sgt. Gary Kent with their agency's first award of accreditation in the TLEA. "This is something for this community to be truly proud of," Overholt said. "The Sevier County Sheriff's Department is one of only two sheriff's agencies in the state of Tennessee that has been recognized by this accredited program."



Waverly Police Department was awarded with their first award of accreditation at their City Council

Meeting on January 13th. Kudos to Capt. Grant Gillespie,

Chief Marc Coulon
Ashland City PD

Chief Tony Crisp
Maryville PD

Chief Bryan Denton
McMinnville PD

Director Maggi Duncan
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TLEA Program Director
Ms. Alice Grunau

Chief David Daniel and the staff of the Waverly Police Department for their hard work on achieving accreditation. Special thanks to Smyrna Chief Kevin Arnold for presenting on behalf of the TACP Board of Directors.

Shelbyville Police Department was awarded with a first award of accreditation



at their City Council Meeting on December 12th. Great job to Chief Austin Swing, Dep. Chief Mike Rogers, Ptl. David Curley & Aimee Davis for your efforts and hard work. Murfreesboro Police Chief Glenn Chrisman, far right, presents accreditation to the Shelbyville Police Department. Accepting the honor, from left, Ptl. David Curley, Deputy Chief Mike Rogers, Aimee Davis, city manager Jay Johnson, Police Chief Austin Swing and Mayor Wallace Cartwright.



Jackson Police Department was awarded accreditation by TACP President and Martin Chief David Moore

at the Jackson City Council meeting on December 5, 2013. Congratulations to Jackson Chief Gill Kendrick, Sgt. Ron Jackson and Major Thom Corley for your hard work on this endeavor.

Millington Police Department Chief Rita Stanback and Accreditation Manager Charlie Coleman were awarded a first award of accreditation



at Millington's City Council meeting on March 10th. Great job on this accomplishment! Special thanks to Dyersburg Chief Art Heun for presenting the award on behalf of the TACP.



University of Tennessee at Martin Public Safety Department was awarded accreditation by TACP President and Martin Chief David Moore

on December 13th, 2013. Good job and congratulations to Chief Scott Robbins and Accreditation Manager Jerry Garcia on this milestone and accomplishment. UT-Martin is the second university police department in the Tennessee Board of Regents System to achieve accreditation in the TLEA program.

AGENCIES ACHIEVE RE-ACCREDITATION

Several agencies have achieved re-accreditation in TLEA and have been awarded with second awards of accreditation. Congratulations to the following agencies on achieving another milestone!

Dyersburg Police Department

Gatlinburg Police Department

McMinnville Police Department

Morristown Police Department

Sevierville Police Department

Vanderbilt University Police Department

RECENT STANDARD REVISIONS

The 2nd edition TLEA Standards Manual was recently updated with revisions to the following standards:

- 2.4C Use of Force Documentation/Review/Disposition: bullets 2, 3, 4 and 6 from standard 2.4C were deleted as they are covered in other standards.
- 16A.2 ICAC Taskforce: bullet 2 was struck from the 16A.2 standard as it is redundant.
- 15.8 Physical Evidence was put in Chapter 21 and numbered as 21.5
- 15.9 Collection and Preservation of Evidence was changed to standard 21.1 thus replacing Evidentiary Items (old 21.1)

- 21.2 Evidence Controls had a couple of minor changes.
- 21.3 was changed from "Inventories and Audits" to "INSPECTIONS and Audits" and was completely reworded.
- Definitions for Inspection, Audit and Sampling Method Table were added to the Glossary.

All of these changes have been made to the standards manual located in PowerDMS and a TLEA Best Practices for PowerDMS was also added to the manual as a guide for those who are creating files in PowerDMS. If you need a copy of the updated standards manual or if you have questions about a standard, please contact Alice Grunau at alice@tacp.org or (615) 726-8227.



ACCREDITATION MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE

If your agency has achieved accreditation through the Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation Program then you need to publicize it! Merchandise is available for purchase through the TACP to recognize your agency's accreditation. **Window clings** of the TLEA logo to display on law enforcement vehicles; as well as **golf shirts** with the Tennessee Law Enforcement accreditation logo on them are available through the TACP. Visit www.tacp.org and click on the Accreditation tab for information about ordering merchandise.

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