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Press Release Re: Accreditation

Chief Nick L. Miglionico is pleased to inform you that on June 4th, 2020 the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission voted to award **Accreditation** to the Douglas Police Department. Accreditation is a self-initiated process by which police agencies voluntarily strive to meet and maintain standards that have been established for the profession by the profession. The Mission of the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission is to: ensure that the delivery of police services within the Commonwealth is at the highest level of professionalism and integrity.

The Douglas Police Department was recently assessed by a 3-member team from MPAC over 2.5 days and successfully completed all the requirements. To achieve accreditation the department was required to meet 382 standards. These standards are based upon national standards established by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). These standards reflect best practices in police management, administration, operations, and support services.

Standards address areas such as:

- Agency Authority, Jurisdiction and Use of Force
- Recruitment, Selection, and Promotion of Personnel
- Training, Discipline and Internal Affairs
- Patrol, Traffic Operations and Criminal Investigations
- Victim/Witness Assistance
- Emergency Response Planning
- Detainee Transportation and Holding Facilities
- Records and Communications
- Collection and Preservation of Evidence
- Property and Evidence Control

Accreditation Manager Sergeant Aaron McLaughlin, Assistant Accreditation Manager Officer Brett Fulone, and the entire Douglas Police Department worked diligently over the past year to achieve this prestigious award and all are proud of this accomplishment.

Law Enforcement Accreditation is a “Badge of Honor” in the Law Enforcement Profession. It is one of the best measures of a Police Departments compliance with professional Law Enforcement standards.

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