



# **MNLEAP ACCREDITATION WELCOME & QUESTION GUIDE**

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# WHAT IS ACCREDITATION?

## What is Minnesota Law Enforcement Accreditation?

- Accreditation is a constructive and time-proven way of supporting law enforcement agencies
- It is the requirement of policies and procedures(standards) that are operationally effective and reflect community values
- A distinct and Minnesota-specific program, independent of other accreditation organizations

## Why now?

Minnesota has faced a tremendous amount of turmoil over the past four years. As a community we are uniquely positioned to bring a sense of pride and accountability to each agency. Accreditation will further the law enforcement virtues of transparency, trust, justice, honor, and excellence.



# WHAT ARE THE STEPS?

## **Step 1 – Enrollment**

- Designate an accreditation manager for your agency
- Submit a Letter of Intent to the Commission
- Submit a Formal Application to the Commission
- Submit accreditation fee

## **Step 2 – Self-Assessment**

- Notify your agency personnel of your intent to enter the accreditation process
- Self-analyze comparative standards and policies

## **Step 3 – Assessment**

- Engage in a mock assessment
- Prepare for an onsite assessment
- Onsite assessment

## **Step 4 – Award**

- Compliance review hearings
- Granting accreditation!

## **Step 5 – Re-accreditation**

- Maintain agency information
- Apply for re-assessment in the fourth year of accreditation

# WHAT IS OUR APPROACH?

**Accreditation is a collaborative process. It requires:**

- Your entire agency's awareness of the accreditation process
- Consistent communication with your agency's accreditation manager
- Collaboration with other legal and law enforcement personnel
- Collaboration with Minnesota Law Enforcement Accreditation Program personnel
- Persistence through the process



# WHAT ABOUT PROOFS?

Proofs can be documents, photos, videos, audio clips, in person interviews, or on-site observations. They validate achieving the standards set in written directives.

With the multiple forms of technology in use there are many ways to provide proofs besides a piece of paper.

# WHERE CAN WE FIND SUPPORT?

## **MNLEAP Accreditation Specialist:**

The Accreditation Specialist is the designated representative of the Commission. They coordinate applications, on-site assessments, annual reports, assessors, and hearings. They provide direction related to the MNLEAP Process Manual and the MNLEAP Standards manual.

## **Minnesota Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission:**

The MNLEAP Commission is a group consisting of leaders within law enforcement, lawyers, and community members dedicated to the Program's mission and holding law enforcement agencies to the highest of standards. They serve as the approval committee for your accreditation.

