

## News Release

### **Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment**

Lemont, Illinois – March 28, 2018 – Lemont Police Chief Marc Maton announced that a team from the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) will be in Lemont on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> to review the agencies request for the organization’s Tier Level 1 accreditation

The department will be judged on the basis of 67 separate ILEAP standards regarding administration, operations, personnel, and training. The department has been revising its policies and procedures during the past year in order to meet the standards set by ILEAP. To successfully complete the accreditation process, the policies and procedures must not only reflect the standards established by ILEAP, but the department must demonstrate it is following its own policies and procedures.

In order to complete the process, two ILEAP assessors, Sergeant Juliann Wilson of the Bensenville Police Department and Roy Hanold, Administrative Officer of the Sugar Grove Police Department, will conduct an on-site assessment of the Lemont Police Department. As part of the on-site assessment, members of the community are invited to offer comments to the assessment team by calling 630-257-2229 X 2461 on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 between the hours of 1pm-2pm. Comments are limited to 5 minutes and must address the department’s ability to meet the ILEAP standards. These standards may be viewed online at [www.ilchiefs.org](http://www.ilchiefs.org).

Accreditation will demonstrate that the department has achieved a level of professionalism among our law enforcement peers and validates the methods in which department members provide services to the residents and the general public in our community. In addition to improving the agency’s relationship with the community, accreditation makes the agency more accountable for its actions, with the additional benefits of limiting liability and risk exposure.