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Warren Police Department maintains Accredited Status – Largest police department to be accredited

The Warren Police Department is proud to announce our status as a re-accredited agency by the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC). This re-accreditation again makes the Warren Police Department the largest police department in the State to receive accreditation by MLEAC.

The re-accreditation process was an in-depth undertaking led by Professional Standards Captain Paul Houtos and his team of employees from all divisions of the Police Department. For a police department, the re-accreditation process is just as involved as achieving accreditation for the first time. The accreditation team at the Warren Police Department collaborated and performed a meaningful review of all police department operations as well as policies and procedures to see where improvements were needed. Numerous policies and procedures were updated to meet the current accreditation best practice standards established by MLEAC. The accreditation also incorporated a community feedback forum for residents to express their views on the Warren Police Department. The resident feedback forum allowed the MLEAC assessors to hear the overwhelmingly positive view Warren residents have of their Police Department. The MLEAC assessors then conducted a two-day on-site assessment at the Warren Police Department to ensure that all standards had been met. Capt. Houtos presented the final report to the MLEAC Commission who then awarded re-accreditation status at the September Accreditation Conference.

Obtaining accreditation not only ensures the use of best practices, but also works to bolster public trust in the police department, establish comprehensive leadership, and help defend against lawsuits. Above all, obtaining re-accreditation illustrates the Warren Police Department's commitment to professionalism and excellence.

Acting Commissioner Rushton stated that "I want to credit the efforts of Capt. Paul Houtos who oversaw the re-accreditation process from the beginning. Earning status as a re-accredited agency demonstrates the standards the men and women of this Department hold themselves to on a daily basis. We strive to provide the best service possible to Warren residents in every aspect of the Department. Continuing to follow the well-established standards of MLEAC accreditation is yet another way in which the Warren Police Department strives to maintain its reputation for outstanding police service."



Pictured above (left to right) are Capt. James Wolfe, Capt. Paul Houtos, Admin. Clerk Jenia Scalzi, Acting Commissioner Charles Rushton, Mayor Lori M. Stone, & Lt. Jon Pickett

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