

# **NOTICE TO THE SOUTHBOROUGH COMMUNITY, REGARDING UPCOMING POLICE ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT:**

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I am pleased to announce that a team of assessors from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission is scheduled to arrive on August 28<sup>th</sup> & August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018, to begin examining various aspects of the Southborough Police Department's policies and procedures, operations, and facilities.

Verification by the Assessment Team that the Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain State Accreditation -- a self-initiated evaluation process by which police departments strive to meet and maintain standards that have been established *for* the profession, *by* the profession.

The Massachusetts Police Accreditation Program consists of 257 mandatory standards as well as 125 optional standards. In order to achieve accreditation status, the Department must meet all applicable mandatory standards as well as 55% of the optional standards.

Achieving Accreditation is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence. Anyone interested in learning more about this program is invited to call or email Chief Paulhus, or the Department's Accreditation Managers; Lt. Sean James and Sgt. Ryan Newell. The deadline for public comments or information requests will be August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

Kenneth M. Paulhus  
Chief of Police  
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