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Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

OAK BROOK, IL – January 17, 2018 - The Oak Brook Police Department Chief James Kruger announced that a team from the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) provided by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police will arrive at the Oak Brook Police Department on February 28, 2018 to examine all aspects of The Oak Brook Police Department, including its policies and operations.

The department will be judged on the basis of 180 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. In order to complete the accreditation process, the policies and procedures must not only reflect the standards established by ILEAP, but the files that are developed must show that the department is following its own policies and procedures.

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 service 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 limiting liability and risk exposure.

The on-site assessment is expected to occur from February 28, 2018 through March 1, 2018. During that time, the team will determine whether The Oak Brook Police Department meets each of the standards necessary to achieve ILEAP's Tier Two Accreditation.

As part of the on-site assessment, members of the community are invited to offer comments to the assessment team by calling **(630) 368-8781** on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 between the hours of **3:00 P.M.** and **4:00 P.M.** Comments at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the ILEAP standards. These standards may be viewed online at www.ilchiefs.org.

The assessors are Deputy Chief Joseph Mitchell of the Orland Park Police Department and Sergeant Juliann Wilson of the Bensenville Police Department. Deputy Chief Joseph Mitchell will be the Team Leader for this assessment. Deputy Chief Joseph Mitchell was the first Accreditation Manager of the Orland Park Police Department. In his current role, he over sees

the day to day operation of 101 full-time police officers and 60 civilian staff. Deputy Chief Mitchell is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command (221st) and holds a master's degree in Public Service from DePaul University, and a BS in Aviation from Lewis University. Sergeant Juliann Wilson currently serves with the Bensenville Police Department. Sergeant Wilson is currently in the position of administrative sergeant and is the Accreditation Manager. Sergeant Wilson graduated from Western Illinois University in 2001 with a B.S. majoring in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration and minoring in psychology and Spanish. Sergeant Wilson is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command graduating in 2016.

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