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Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission to Conduct On-Site Assessment of Franklin Police Department

Chief of Police Thomas J. Lynch is please to announce that a team of assessors from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission is scheduled to arrive on June 10, 2025 to begin examining various aspects of the Franklin Police Department's policies, procedures, operations and facilities.

Verification by the assessment team that the Franklin Police Department meets the Commission's standards is a part of the voluntary process to maintain state accreditation – the 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 275 mandatory standards as well as 119 optional standards. To achieve accreditation status, the department must meet all applicable mandatory standards as well as 60 percent of the optional standards.

Maintaining accreditation is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence. Anyone interested in learning more about this program is invited to contact the department's accreditation manager, Deputy Chief James West.

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