



FRANKLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Chief Thomas Lynch is pleased to announce that the Franklin Police Department has been awarded Certification status by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission. Accreditation is a self-initiated process by which police agencies voluntarily strive to meet and maintain standards that have been established for the profession, by the profession. The Franklin Police examined various aspects of the department's policies, procedures, operations, facilities, equipment, and training. This effort was led by Deputy Chief James Mill, who has spent the last several years going through what is known as the "self-assessment" phase, whereby we looked at the policies and procedures FPD had in place and determined if they met industry accepted professional standards. Any deficiencies that were located, or policies that were deficient were identified and corrected to reflect the best professional practices recognized through MPAC. This effort could not have been achieved without the cooperation and assistance of the men and women of the Franklin Police Department.

The culmination of the Certification process is an independent review of our work by assessors from MPAC to ensure that we are complying with all the policies and procedures required for Certification. In March of 2021, a team of assessors from MPAC reviewed all aspects of the Franklin Police department's policies, procedures, management, operations, and support services and determined that we met each of the 159 mandatory Certification standards required by the Commission.

"The men and women of the Franklin Police Department are a team of dedicated professionals who have worked hard to make this award possible. We will continue with our mission of providing the highest level of service to the citizens of the town of Franklin." said Chief Thomas Lynch. "During a time where police reform is prominent in the news the residents and businesses in the Town of Franklin can be assured that its police department is following the best standards and continues to deliver professional services to our entire community." Lynch continued.