Media Release

**Franklin Police Receive Accreditation**

Chief Thomas Lynch is pleased to inform you that on October 26, 2022, the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC) voted to award Accreditation to the Franklin Police Department.

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 Mission of the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission is to ensure that the delivery of police services within the Commonwealth is at the highest level of professionalism and integrity.

The Franklin Police Department underwent a complete assessment on June 22 & 23, 2022 by a team of MPAC assessors and successfully completed all of the requirements.

Accreditation Manager Deputy Chief James West, Officer Richard Martini, and the entire Franklin Police Department worked diligently over the past year to achieve this prestigious award and all are proud of this accomplishment.

There are two credentialing programs: certification and accreditation.

Accreditation is the higher of the two program awards consisting of 382 standards. 257 are mandatory and 125 are optional. These standards reflect the best practices in police management, administration, operations, and support services.

Standards address areas such as:

• Agency Authority, Jurisdiction and Use of Force

• Recruitment, Selection, and Promotion of Personnel

• Training, Discipline and Internal Affairs

• Patrol, Traffic Operations and Criminal Investigations

• Victim/Witness Assistance

• Emergency Response Planning

• Detainee Transportation and Holding Facilities

• Records and Communications

• Collection and Preservation of Evidence

• Property and Evidence Control

There are currently 256 agencies in Massachusetts that participate in MPAC:

 104 are Accredited, 21 are Certified, and 131 are in Self-Assessment

Law Enforcement Accreditation is a “Badge of Honor” in the Law Enforcement Profession. It is one of the best measures of a Police Department’s compliance with professional Law Enforcement standards.