



Lake County Sheriff's Office  
Accreditation Welcome Packet  
**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment**

Baldwin, Lake County, MI. A team of assessors from the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC) will arrive on August 5<sup>th</sup>, to examine all aspects of the Lake County Sheriff's Office policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services Sheriff Richard L. Martin announced today.

*"Verification by the team that the Lake County Sheriff's Office meets the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission's "best practice" standards is part of a voluntary process to achieve accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence", Sheriff Martin said.*

As part of this final On-Site Assessment, employees and members of the general public are invited to provide comments to the Assessment Team. They may do so by telephone or email. The public may call 231-679-7227 on Monday, August 5th, between the hours of 1:00pm-3:00pm. Email comments can be sent to [churrle@co.lake.mi.us](mailto:churrle@co.lake.mi.us).

Telephone comments are limited to five (5) minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the Commission's standards. A copy of the standards is available for inspection at the 1153 Michigan Ave Baldwin, MI 49304. Please contact Chief Deputy Hurrle at 231-679-7227.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Lake County Sheriff's Office's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation is requested to email the Accreditation Program manager at [rwiles@michiganpolicechiefs.org](mailto:rwiles@michiganpolicechiefs.org) or write the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 3474 Alaiedon Pkwy, Suite 600, Okemos, MI 48864.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office must comply with 108 standards in order to achieve accredited status. Sheriff Martin indicated, *"Accreditation results in greater accountability within the agency, reduced risk and liability exposure, stronger defense against civil lawsuits, increased community advocacy, and more confidence in the agency's ability to operate efficiently and respond to community needs."*

The Accreditation Program Director for the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police is Chief Ron Wiles (Ret.). *"The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar Michigan law enforcement agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview agency members, and visit offices and other places where compliance with the standards can be observed. Once the*

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*assessors complete their review of the agency, they will report to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status", Ron Wiles stated.*

Accreditation is valid for a three-year period during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting to their continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

The MACP, through its Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, is the legitimate authority and accreditation agency in the state of Michigan. For more information regarding the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, please write the Commission at: MACP, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 3474 Alaiedon Pkwy, Suite 600, Okemos, MI 48864 or email at [rwiles@michiganpolicechiefs.org](mailto:rwiles@michiganpolicechiefs.org)

Media Contact

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Chief Deputy Chad Hurrle

231-679-7227

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