

## Seaside Heights Police Department

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#### Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

(Seaside Heights / Ocean County, NJ) A team of assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) on Monday, November 13, 2023, will examine all aspects of the Seaside Heights Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services Chief Thomas Boyd announced today.

*"Verification by the team that the Seaside Heights Police Department meets the Commission's "best practice" standards is part of a voluntary process to achieve accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence", Chief Boyd 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 732-833-5050 on Monday, November 13, 2023, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Email comments can be sent to [g.ihnken.shpd@gmail.com](mailto:g.ihnken.shpd@gmail.com).

Telephone comments are limited to 5 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the NJSACOP standards. Please contact Investigator Gerald Ihnken, Accreditation Manager at 732-212-6843 for information about the standards.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Seaside Heights Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation is requested to email the Accreditation Program Director at [hdelgado@njsacop.org](mailto:hdelgado@njsacop.org) or write to the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 751 Route 73 North, Suite 12 Marlton, N.J. 08053.

The Seaside Heights Police Department must comply with NJSACOP LEAP standards in order to achieve accredited status. Chief Boyd 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."*