



East Dundee Police Department

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Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

An assessment team from the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) will be in East Dundee on August 21, 2023 to examine all aspects of the East Dundee Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. The East Dundee Police Department is undergoing its reaccreditation, which is completed every four years. The East Dundee Police Department received its initial state accreditation in 2019. Gaining accreditation is a voluntary process, which has been a top priority for Chief of Police James Kruger.

Accreditation requires proof of meeting or exceeding 69 areas of ILEAP criteria or standards. These are policy guidelines that represent best practices for delivering professional service to the community. A true measure of compliance with these standards is having peers review our practices in person. Acquiring accreditation is an important achievement for both the department and the community. The assessment team is composed of public safety practitioners from other agencies in Illinois. The assessors will review written material, interview individuals, visit officers, elected officials and inspect other locations where compliance can be witnessed. The assessor is Administrative Officer Roy Hanold of the Sugar Grove, IL Police Department (Lead Assessor).

Once ILEAP Assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the ILEAP Committee Chairman of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. The files are reviewed and distributed to the ILEAP Council and acted on at the Council's next scheduled meeting. At that time, the ILEAP Council will decide if the agency is to be granted reaccreditation status, which is valid for four years. To maintain accreditation status, the East Dundee Police Department must submit annual reports attesting to continued compliance with those standards, under which it was initially accredited.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency personnel, elected officials, and members of the community are invited to call in with their comments during a public information session on August 21st, between the hours of 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm, at 224-293-7441. Telephone comments are limited to five minutes and must address the department's ability to meet ILEAP standards. A copy of the standards is available to view on the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police web site at: <https://www.ilchiefs.org/ileap-illinois-law-enforcement-accreditation-program->. The local contact is East Dundee Police Accreditation Manager/Administrative Officer John R. Lawson.

Written comments discussing the East Dundee Police Department's ability to meet standards for accreditation should be mailed or emailed to:

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Attention:

ILEAP Accreditation Process

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