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## Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment on New Jersey State Parole Board

**TRENTON, NJ, March 8, 2023**—A team of assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) on Monday, March 20, 2023, will examine all aspects of the New Jersey State Parole Board policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services New Jersey State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr. announced today.

"Verification by the team that the New Jersey State Parole Board 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," said Chairman Plumeri.

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 (609) 292-7309 on Monday, March 20, 2023, between the hours of 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Email comments can be sent to <u>SPB-Public-Info-Office@spb.nj.gov</u>.

Telephone comments are limited to five minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the NJSACOP standards. Please contact Lt. Thomas Hubbard at (609) 292-4062 for information about the standards.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the New Jersey State Parole Board's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation is requested to email the Accreditation Program Director at hdelgado@njsacop.org or write 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 New Jersey State Parole Board must comply with NJSACOP LEAP standards in order to achieve accredited status. Chairman Plumeri 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 New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police is Mr. Harry J Delgado, Ed.S. "The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar New Jersey 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 Commission's 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," Harry J Delgado 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 New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police through its New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission is the legitimate authority and accreditation agency in the state of New Jersey. For more information regarding the Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission please write the Commission at New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 751 Route 73 North, Suite 12 Marlton, N.J. 08053 or email hdelgado@njsacop.org

The mission of the New Jersey State Parole Board is to promote public safety and foster the successful rehabilitation of offenders through the implementation of policies that result in effective parole case management. A multitude of innovative parole initiatives assist the Board in addressing the needs of the community, crime victims, and offenders through responsible decision-making and supervision processes. These initiatives assist the New Jersey State Parole Board in meeting its important goals which include increased public safety, sustained recidivism rate reductions, and the successful and sustainable reintegration of offenders.

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