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New Jersey State Parole Board to Undergo Third Accreditation Assessment by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police

TRENTON, NJ, March 19, 2020— A team of assessors assigned from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) will evaluate aspects of the New Jersey State Parole Board's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr. announced today. This accreditation evaluation is scheduled to take place on Sunday, April 5, 2020 through Monday, April 6, 2020.

“Verification by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police 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.

The New Jersey State Parole Board must comply with NJSACOP Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (LEAP) standards in order to achieve accredited status, indicated Chairman Plumeri.

“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,” said Chairman Plumeri.

As part of this 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) 341-3621 on Monday, April 6th, between the hours of 9:00 a.m.—10:00a.m. Email comments can be sent to SPB-Public-Info-Office@spb.nj.gov.

Telephone comments must be limited to five minutes and need to address the agency’s ability to comply with NJSACOP standards. A copy of the NJSACOP standards is available for inspection at the New Jersey State Parole Board Central Office, located at 171 Jersey St., Building # 2, Trenton, NJ 08611. Please contact New Jersey State Parole Board Accreditation Manager, Lt. James Stephens at 609-633-0603.

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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 NJSACOP Accreditation Program Director Harry J. Delgado, Ed.S. 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.

Mr. Delgado said "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," Mr. Delgado continued.

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 Parole Board is committed to promoting public safety, utilizing effective methods to aid supervised offenders in reentering society, and in reducing state's recidivism of offenders while addressing the needs of crime victims. As required by law, appointed parole board members and staff conduct approximately 13,500 hearings per year, solicit input from victims, and decide upon parole matters. Nearly 400 sworn parole officers supervise more than 15,500 offenders and act as New Jersey's primary law enforcement agency responsible for sex offender supervision. Additionally, State Parole officers are also active partners with a variety of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and task forces. The agency's Community Programs Unit partners with government, non-profit, and private agencies to connect former inmates with vocational, mental health, addiction services, and related services.

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