



ACCREDITATION OF THE PORT HURON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Port Huron Police Department has been accredited through CALEA since 1995. In 1995, the department voluntarily entered into this program which gave guidance to agencies for best practices involving all aspects such as life, safety, health, fairness, diversity, anti-bias policing, among others. Accreditation has helped the Port Huron Police Department achieve and maintain the highest quality of policing.

In 2017 the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police implemented the state accreditation process. The Port Huron Police Department voluntarily entered into this program as well as CALEA to become both nationally and state accredited. Port Huron Police received accreditation from MACP in 2017.

The Chief of Police appoints an Accreditation Manager to oversee the accreditation program. This person must undergo extensive training. The Accreditation manager oversees both national and state accreditation programs. In all, the Accreditation Manager must produce over 800 proofs per year showing that the Port Huron Police Department is following the standards set by both CALEA and the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

The Port Huron Police Department strives to be the best department it can be. We achieve this through many avenues such as training, data collection, research and hard work. Accreditation is a way to assure its employees and the citizens it works for that it is using practices that are safe, fair and reasonable set forth by the most regarded agencies and professionals in the country.

Only three agencies in the State of Michigan are dually accredited (both nationally and state accredited). We are proud to have achieved accredited status and strive daily to implement these best practices suggested by both national and state professionals.

CALEA

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations:

- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)
- National Sheriff's Association (NSA)
- Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)

Law enforcement accreditation focuses on best practices relating to life, health, and safety procedures for agencies. The standards are considered as foundations for law enforcement departments. CALEA provides these standards and agencies must have written directives in place that put these best practices into action. The department must then PROVE that the agency is following these practices.

Every year the Port Huron Police Department produces over 400 documents that provide proof that these standards are being followed. In addition, every year an outside source picks 25% of the required standards to review and assure that the policies are in place. This 25% is unknown until two weeks before

the review, therefore it is imperative that ALL standards and policies are followed and proved every year. On the 4th year of the accreditation cycle, assessors from other states come to our agency to do an on-site assessment. After this on-site assessment, a report will be submitted to the Commission who will make the final decision on whether to award PHPD its accredited status.



MLEAC

The Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) along with the Michigan Sheriff's Association (MSA) developed the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program as a foundation to help law enforcement agencies to improve their overall performances. Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program is voluntary where participating agencies conduct self-analysis to determine if they meet standards and professional objectives. When this self-analysis is complete a team of trained Commission assessors verifies that applicable standards have been successfully implemented. The status of accreditation is achieved when this team of assessors submits a report to the Commissioners and the Commissioners vote to give accredited status to the agency.

The Commissioners consist of law enforcement and other professions appointed by the MACP, the MSA and the Commission itself. The Commissioners assure that the agency seeking accreditation meets and proves over 400 points stemming from 108 different standards. This process is a three year process where standards are followed and proved on a yearly basis. At the end of the three years accreditation either awarded or denied.

