



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

Timothy J. Roets, Chief of Police

## Watertown Police Department

### Press Release

#### ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

The Watertown Police Department has been accredited through Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) since May 20, 2013. Accreditation status is granted for three years. To maintain accreditation status the Watertown Police Department must demonstrate that it has continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited under.

A team of assessors from WILEAG will arrive on April 26, 2016 to examine all aspects of the Watertown Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operation, and support service, Chief Timothy Roets announced today.

Verification by the team that the Watertown Police Department meets the Board's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation - a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence, Chief Roets said.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session **April 27, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.** The session will be conducted in the *Community Room* located in the basement of City Hall (106 Jones Street Watertown, WI 53094).

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone. The public may call 920-261-8812 on **April 27, 2016** between the hours of **1:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M.**

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with WILEAG's standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Watertown Police Department, 106 Jones Street Watertown, WI 53094. The Department contact person for further information is Captain Curt Kleppin (920-261-6660).



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Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Watertown Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write to Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group, WILEAG at WILEAG at P.O. Box 270693, Milwaukee, WI 53227.

The Watertown Police Department must comply with approximately 226 standards in order to gain accredited status, Chief Roets said.

The Accreditation Manager for Watertown Police Department is Captain Curt Kleppin; he said the assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies. The assessors will review written material, interview individuals, and visit offices and the places where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors are: Winnebago County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Lara Vendola-Messer, Team Leader; Menomonee Falls Police Department Lieutenant Eugene Neyhart, and Janesville Police Department Sergeant Brian Vaughn.

Once the WILEAG Board's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Board, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status, Captain Curt Kleppin stated.

Accreditation status is granted for three years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

For more information regarding the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group, please write to WILEAG at P.O. Box 270693, Milwaukee, WI 53227 or [program.manager@wileag.info](mailto:program.manager@wileag.info)

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