



Advancing Public Safety

Indiana Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission

Valuable Benefits

Enhanced Training and Agency Management

Accreditation provides:

- a proven method of executing daily agency operations under a professional format;
- the CEO a proven management system of written directives, sound training, clearly defined lines of authority and routine reports that support decision making and resource allocation;
- greater accountability within the department and consistency within the various functions of the department;
- a proactive management and information system creating a forum for internal and external feedback on policies, procedures and other communal protocols;
- the department with "state of the art" impartial guidelines for evaluation and change.

Most standards are required to be reviewed at least annually to ensure that "best practice" procedures continue to be used and specific areas remain within legal standards.

Improved Community Relations

Accreditation embodies the precepts of community oriented policing. It creates a forum in which the police and the citizens can work together to prevent and control challenges confronting law enforcement and provides a clear direction regarding community expectations. Accreditation has proven to increase community advocacy.

Improved Government Relations

Accreditation provides objective evidence of a department's commitment to excellence in leadership, resource management and service delivery which makes local government officials more confident in the department's ability to operate effectively, efficiently and meet the community needs.

Reduced Lawsuits and Insurance Costs

Accreditation status can make it easier for departments to purchase liability insurance and at a reduced cost. Accredited departments are better able to defend themselves against lawsuits and citizen complaints. Many departments have reported a decline in actions filed against them.

Increased Support From Related Agencies

Accreditation provides access to the latest law enforcement practices by interfacing with other accredited departments. This allows for improved coordination with neighboring departments and agencies and other components of the criminal justice system.

Professional Excellence

Accredited departments have an outside, objective "stamp of approval" that is earned through the internal and then the external evaluation based on the best law enforcement practices and standards available. Accreditation establishes pride, satisfaction and confidence in the department and confidence accompanies success.