RESOLUTION 2024-32

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FULL RE-ACCREDITATION THROUGH THE DELAWARE POLICE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION.

Whereas, the Delaware Police Accreditation Commission was created through the Delaware Police Chief's Council to improve delivery of police services to Delaware citizens; and

Whereas, the Delaware Police Accreditation Commission is responsible for providing policy level direction and drafting and implementing state level police accreditation standards.

Whereas, the statewide police accreditation program develops standards to ensure consistency of police operations, promotes cooperation of police agencies in addressing statewide accreditation needs in Delaware, and provides recommendations to the Governor and the Delaware General Assembly, when appropriate, concerning issues related to state level police accreditation standards in Delaware; and

Whereas, the City of New Castle Police Department was first accredited in 2020 through the Delaware Police Accreditation Commission (DPAC), meeting the 108 standards necessary to become accredited; and

Whereas, law enforcement agencies must seek re-accreditation through the Delaware Police Accreditation Commission every three years; and

Whereas, the City of New Castle Police Department sought re-accreditation in 2024 and was awarded re-accreditation in July 2024, through a unanimous vote of the Delaware Police Accreditation Commission; again, meeting the 108 standards necessary to become accredited; and

Whereas, the accreditation and re-accreditation processes are lengthy and require a complete review of policies, proof of following policies and meeting standards, and compliance with Police Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST) standards in order to retain accreditation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of New Castle would like to recognize and thank the City of New Castle Police Department for their hard work and dedication to not only serving the community, but to maintaining and obtaining re-accreditation after three years, which will allow the agency to increase their ability to prevent and control crime and efficiently and effectively deliver law enforcement services to the City of New Castle and its community.

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Attest:

Courtaney Taylor, City Clerk