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## ***For Immediate Release***

### **Police Department Earns Re-Accreditation**

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP** (*June 26, 2013*) – The Lower Providence Township Police Department has been approved for re-accreditation by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC). Only 93 of the state's 1,200 agencies have achieved accreditation.

A three-member team of assessors conducted an on-site assessment of the department in April. To be re-accredited, the department had to meet 132 standards established by PLEAC. While there are 132 standards, many of those standards contain multiple items for which two proofs of compliance must be provided for each year of the three-year accreditation period. This yields nearly 1,800 proofs of compliance that the Township had to successfully demonstrate.

The Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation program was initiated in 2001. The Township's Police Department was the 42<sup>nd</sup> agency accredited at the time of its initial accreditation in 2006.

Lower Providence Township Police Chief Francis Carroll noted that the Township's re-accreditation certificate lists "*Lower Providence Township*" and emphasized that the re-accreditation is a Township-wide achievement. Chief Carroll said the support of the Board of Supervisors, Township Manager, Township staff, in addition to the hard work of the entire Police Department, is necessary to meet the rigorous accreditation standards.

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