



# Neenah Police Department

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### ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

*Neenah, WI, 12/4/2018* - A team of assessors from the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG), will arrive on *December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018* to examine all aspects of the *Neenah Police Department* policy and procedures, management, operation, and support service.

Verification by the team that the *Neenah 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.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session *December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018* at 5pm. The session will be conducted in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 211 Walnut St, Neenah.

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)886-6029 on *December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018* between the hours of 1pm and 3pm.

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 *Neenah Police Department, 2111 Marathon Ave, Neenah, WI*. The Department contact for further information is *Officer Robert Ross at (920) 886-6000*.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the *Neenah 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 528, Hartland, WI 53029.

The *Neenah Police Department* has to comply with as many as 212 standards in order to gain accredited status, *Chief Aaron Olson* said "The *Neenah Police Department's* commitment to professional excellence is demonstrated by the fact that we are seeking accreditation. Our staff and citizens can be proud that their police department is seeking this highly prized recognition of law enforcement excellence."

The Accreditation Manager for *Neenah Police Department* is Officer Robert Ross, 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: Team Leader Captain Colette Jaeger of Grand Chute Police Department, Lieutenant Nate Cihlar of Wausau Police Department, and Captain Troy Nedegaard of La Crosse Police Department.

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, Chief Olson 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 528, Hartland, WI 53029 or [executive.director@wileag.info](mailto:executive.director@wileag.info).