



ORO VALLEY **POLICE**



Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment Oro Valley, AZ

The Oro Valley Police Department (OVPD) is in the process of re-accreditation through the Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ALEAP). OVPD is one of just a few departments in the state to hold all three accreditations offered by ALEAP. This re-accreditation is for the overall agency.

A team of assessors from ALEAP will arrive on August 24th to examine all aspects of the Oro Valley Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

"Verification by the team that the Oro Valley Police Department meets the Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission's "best practice" standards is part of a voluntary process to achieve accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence", Chief Kara Riley said.

Public Feedback Invitation – On-Site Assessment

As part of the final On-Site Assessment, employees and members of the public are invited to provide feedback to the Assessment Team regarding the Oro Valley Police Department's compliance with accreditation standards. Feedback can be submitted directly to the Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Program via their website at:

[Program Agencies | Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation](#)

Comments should address the agency's ability to meet the Commission's standards for accreditation. A copy of the standards is available for public review at [Standards Manuals | Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation](#)

For any additional questions, you may also email the Accreditation Director at stacyolson@azchiefsofpolice.org.

The Oro Valley Police Department must comply with 174 standards in order to achieve accredited status. Chief Riley indicated, *"Accreditation results in greater accountability within the agency, reduced risk and liability exposure, stronger defense against civil lawsuits, increased community advocacy, and more confidence in the agency's ability to operate efficiently and respond to community needs."*

The ALEAP Director is Stacy Olson. *"The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar Arizona law enforcement agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview agency members, and visit offices and other places where compliance with the standards can be observed. Once the assessors complete their review of the agency, they will*

report to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status”, Olson stated.

Accreditation is valid for a four-year period during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting to their continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

The Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police (AACOP), is the accrediting agency in the State of Arizona. For more information regarding the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police, please visit www.azchiefsofpolice.org.