

# THE CITY OF SUMMIT

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## News Release

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### **Police Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment**

SUMMIT, N.J., February 14, 2022 – The Summit Police Department announced today that on Monday, February 21, 2022, a team of assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) will examine all aspects of the Summit Police Department’s policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services as part of an accreditation process that began in February 2021.

“Verification by the NJSACOP team that the Summit Police Department meets the Commission’s best practice standards is part of a voluntary process to achieve accreditation,” explains Acting Chief Steven Zagorski. “It is also a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence that the department strives to achieve.

The Summit Police Department must comply with NJSACOP LEAP standards to achieve accredited status.

As part of this final on-site assessment, employees and members of the public are invited to provide comments to the assessment team. They may do so by telephone or email. The public may call (908) 598-2170 on Monday, February 21, between the hours of 10AM and 11AM. Telephone comments are limited to five minutes and must address the agency’s ability to comply with the NJSACOP standards. Please contact Captain Ryan Peters at (908) 277-3980 for information about the standards. Email comments can be sent to Captain Peters at [rpeters@spdnj.org](mailto:rpeters@spdnj.org).

To offer written comments about the Summit Police Department’s ability to comply with the standards for accreditation, email the Accreditation Program Director at [hdelgado@njsacop.org](mailto:hdelgado@njsacop.org) or write the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 751 Route 73 North, Suite 12 Marlton, NJ 08053.

Acting Chief Zagorski continues: “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. We look forward to achieving accredited status and the benefits it provides.”

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