

Public Input Welcomed as Stockton College Police Seek Accreditation

Telephone Comments to be received on Monday, July 30

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Tim.f8.f8SDmstTria(m)edicamDep8a0med(Aof!Tle Rid4E2@StoGdoDneCalleGexE%)ewAlersef8is in the process of an independent assessment by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. The association's Accreditation Commission is conducting the process as part Stockton's application for its reaccreditation.

Stockton's department was one of the first in New Jersey to receive the voluntary accreditation and the first among New Jersey campus police departments. Stockton was reaccredited three years ago and is currently under consideration for its second reaccreditation. Accredited departments meet and comply with 112 standards, as judged by the independent commission. The state standards are modeled after those developed nationally by the Commission for the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), as well as state statutes and regulatory law.

As part of the assessment process, Stockton is soliciting input from members of the public. Those who wish to offer comments or speak to assessors may do so by telephone on Monday, July 30. Calls will be taken from 9 a.m. to 11 am on that date. Members of the public may call (609) 652-4390 and ask for the accreditation team. Comments are limited to five minutes and must address the department's ability to comply with accreditation standards. Copies of the accreditation standards are available by contacting Alber Kernagis, Accreditation Manager, at (609) 652-4390.

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