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PRESS RELEASE

On Monday October 30, 2017, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office participated in their 3rd Accreditation process through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. This year's process was made easier with the use of the program Standards in Power DMS. Sergeant Elizabeth Hoffman and Sergeant Scott Uhland were tasked with assuring that the officers adhere to polices by proving the 105 standards for the years 2015 to 2017. The focus points were the Administrative Function, Personnel Function, Operations Functions, Investigative Function and Arrest/Detainee/Prisoner Handling.

During the process of being reaccredited, our assessors Captain Thomas Reinholt, Evesham Police Department, and Captain Jay Prettyman, Ocean City Police Department, reviewed our files off-site through the program Standards in Power DMS. The files contained various items such as reports, photographs and memos to prove the standards for a given policy. During the on-site assessment, the assessors met with our Accreditation Team for an agency tour which included our Records Room, Evidence/Property Storage, Armory, Processing Area, and Id/Communication Room. After the agency tour, there was a call in session where the public was able to call in with questions regarding the Sheriff's Office and the Accreditation process. Once that was completed, the assessors met with Sheriff Robert A. Austino and the Accreditation Team regarding our assessment.

Captain Reinholt stated that we were a model agency for reaccreditation and was impressed to see that we implemented the recommended changes that he made during the last assessment in 2014. He also stated that this agency gave him some insight on ways he can improve his agency as well as other accredited agencies. Captains Reinholt and Prettyman stated that they will give a positive report back to the Commission. The next step will be the Commission's meeting in March where the Commission will make the final decision.

I would like to thank my entire staff for all of their assistance the past 3 years during the accreditation process. The Accreditation process is only a screen shot of what the men and women of the Sheriff's Office are tasked with every day, it's because of them that we became and remain accredited throughout my tenure as Sheriff. Since taking office in 2009, I am proud to say that our agency was the first agency in Cumberland County to be accredited.


Sheriff Robert A. Austino