

# **Dartmouth Police Department to undergo state re- accreditation assessment**

Chief Brian Levesque is pleased to announce that the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC) will conduct an examination of various aspects of the Dartmouth Police Department's policies and procedures, operations and facilities next week.

The MPAC Assessment Team is scheduled to begin the on-site assessment beginning Tuesday, April 13.

Verification by the Assessment Team that the department meets MPAC standards is part of a voluntary process to maintain state accreditation – a self-initiated evaluation process by which police departments strive to meet and uphold standards that have been established for the profession, by the profession.

"Achieving accreditation is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence and I am pleased to share this will be our fourth time undergoing the accreditation assessment," Chief Levesque said. "Undergoing MPAC's accreditation assessment allows us to show tangible proof of Dartmouth Police's commitment to upholding the high standard of law enforcement and the professionalism of the men and women of this department."

Dartmouth Police received State Accreditation for the first time in 2012. Accreditation is up for renewal every three years, and the department was successfully re-accredited in 2015 and 2018.

The Massachusetts Police Accreditation Program consists of 257 mandatory standards as well as 125 optional standards. In

order to achieve accreditation status, the department must meet all applicable mandatory standards as well as 60% of the optional standards.

Anyone interested in learning more about this program is invited to contact Deputy Chief James Storey, the Department's Accreditation Manager, at 508-910-1736. Information about the program can also be found on the MPAC website.