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## Press Release

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### **MPD Pursues Re-accreditation from WILEAG, Invites Public Comment**

MILWAUKEE, WI – A team of assessors from the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG), will arrive on Monday, May 11, 2026, to examine all aspects of the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) policy and procedures, management, operation, and support service.

Verification by the team that MPD meets the Board's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation - a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a phone-in public information session Tuesday, May 12, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Members of the public may provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone by calling (414) 935-7056.

Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with WILEAG's 262 standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Milwaukee Police Department – Training Academy, 6680 N. Teutonia Ave. The Accreditation Manager and contact for MPD is Lieutenant Teresa R. Heidemann. She can be reached at (414) 935-3554.

People wishing to offer written comments about the Milwaukee Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write to Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group, WILEAG at 7525 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI 53214.

The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies. The assessors will review written material, interview individuals, and visit offices and places where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors are:

- Deputy Chief Robert Fletcher – West Allis Police Department -Team Leader
- Captain David Stroupe – Mount Pleasant Police Department
- Captain Jason Boeck – Dodge County Sheriff Office
- Captain Lara Vendola Messer – Winnebago County Sheriff Office
- Lieutenant Robert Jewell – Hartland Police Department
- Accreditation Manager – Alex Maykut – Kenosha Police Department
- Accreditation Manager – Ellen Whalen – Grafton Police Department
- Assistant Accreditation Mgr. – Laurie Kreuger Neenah Police Department

Once the WILEAG Board's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Board, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status.

Accreditation status is granted for three years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

For more information regarding the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group, please write to WILEAG at 7525 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI 53214 or [executive.director@wileag.info](mailto:executive.director@wileag.info)

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