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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment**

Village of Paw Paw MI: A team of assessors from the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC) will arrive on Wednesday, November 11th, to examine all aspects of the Paw Paw Police Departments policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief Eric Rottman announced today.

"Verification by the team that the Paw Paw Police Department meets the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission's "best practice" standards is part of a voluntary process to achieve accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence", Chief Rottman said.

As part of this final On-Site Assessment, employees and members of the general public are invited to provide comments to the Assessment Team. They may do so by email. Comments can be sent to **publiccomment@michiganpolicechiefs.org.** Please include the name of the agency in the email subject line. If you would like your name redacted from the final public report, please specify. Responses are limited to 1,000 words. Public Comment will be closed once the onsite assessment is completed.

The Paw Paw Police Department must comply with 130 standards in order to achieve accredited status. Chief Rottman indicated, "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."

The Accreditation Program Director for the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police is Matt Silverthorn. "The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar Michigan law enforcement agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview agency members, and visit offices and other places where compliance with the standards can be

observed. Once the assessors complete their review of the agency, they will report to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status", Matt Silverthorn stated.

Accreditation is valid for a three-year period during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting to their continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

The MACP, through its Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, is the legitimate authority and accreditation agency in the state of Michigan. For more information regarding the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, please write the Commission at: MACP, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 3474 Alaiedon Pkwy, Suite 600, Okemos, MI 48864 or email at: msilverthorn@michiganpolicechiefs.org

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