



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL
ACCREDITATION AWARD**

September 14, 2023

Chief Michael Spera
Old Saybrook Police Department
36 Lynde Street
Old Saybrook, CT 06475

Dear Chief Spera:

On behalf of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, we commend you and your agency for demonstrating a commitment to professional excellence in policy and practice. It is a privilege to award the Old Saybrook Police Department the State Tier I Accreditation.

The State Tier I Accreditation award represents your agencies thorough self-evaluation which concluded with an independent audit of State Assessors and appointed members of council assigned to the Police Officer Standards and Training Accreditation Subcommittee.

This award also represents your agency's ongoing acceptance of the obligation to continue the quest for professional excellence by working toward fulfillment of any future standards set forth by POSTC that may be applicable to your department.

Congratulations and thank you for your continued support to enhance Connecticut Law Enforcement. We commend you and all the members of the Old Saybrook Police Department for demonstrating commitment to liability standards in policy and practice.

Respectfully,

Chief Keith L. Mello
Chairman
Police Officer Standards and Training Council



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Connecticut Police Academy

September 11, 2023

Chief Michael Spera
Old Saybrook Police Department
36 Lynde Street
Old Saybrook, CT 06475

Dear Chief Spera:

In accordance with Public Act No. 22-119 *An Act Concerning Accreditation Standards for Law Enforcement Units*, the Police Officer Standards and Training Accreditation Division completed a Tier I Accreditation file review of the Old Saybrook Police Department. This is written notification of the findings.

The file review began Tuesday, August 15, 2023 and ended Monday, September 11, 2023. The Accreditation assessment team consisted of one (1) member: Jessica Blank.

Attached is the assessment report. The Old Saybrook Police Department has met the POSTC State Accreditation standards for Tier 1.

We congratulate your agency on achieving the Tier I accreditation status, pending approval of POST Council. We invite the Old Saybrook Police Department to join the next POST Council meeting, scheduled September 14, 2023, in person at the Police Officer Standards and Training Academy, that will serve as an exit meeting. The next phase in the accreditation process is to continue to write directives to meet Tier II standards. Our assessment team will return to your agency on October 31, 2024, for your scheduled Tier II onsite assessment. If possible, we strongly encourage your agency to also meet the Tier III standards.

Training will be ongoing to assist agencies with achieving the Tier III Accreditation Status. We will meet with your Accreditation Manager to explain the details of the phase expectations. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 203-427-2626 or email jessica.blank@ct.gov.

On behalf of the Police Officer Standards and Training Division, we would like to thank all the members of the Old Saybrook Police Department for demonstrating professionalism and supporting the State of Connecticut's mission to achieve full accreditation status by 2026.

Respectfully,



Jessica Blank
POST, Accreditation Division