

# Massachusetts Police Accreditation Program

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE** to **Somerset's Community**



### Upcoming Re-Assessment for Accreditation

Chief William Tedford is pleased to announce that a team of assessors from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission, Inc. is scheduled to arrive on Tuesday March 17, 2026; Wednesday March 18, 2026 and Thursday March 19, 2026 to begin examining various aspects of the Somerset Police Department's policies and procedures, operations and facilities.

Verification by the assessment team that the Somerset Police Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to maintain state accreditation -- a self-initiated evaluation process by which police departments strive to meet and maintain standards that have been established *for* the profession, *by* the profession.

The accreditation program consists of 274 mandatory standards as well as 120 optional standards. In order to achieve accreditation status, the department must meet all applicable mandatory standards as well as 55% of the optional standards.

Achieving re-accreditation is a highly prized recognition of continued law enforcement professional excellence. Anyone interested in learning more about this program may call Chief William Tedford or the Department's Accreditation Manager Lieutenant Adam DaRosa at 508-679-2138.