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Orland Park Police Department Receives Highest Level of Accreditation



The Orland Park Police Department has joined an elite group of law enforcement agencies in the State of Illinois. Orland Park joins eight other police departments that have received the coveted tier 2 accreditation status through the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program administered by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

"This is a testament to the outstanding men and women who serve the Orland Park community on a daily basis," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "Congratulations to Chief Tim McCarthy, police administration and the entire department for a job well done," the mayor said.

An independent team representing the chiefs' association spent two days with the Orland Park police reviewing and examining all aspects of the department policies, procedures, management, operations and support services.

"This statewide accreditation affirms what we already knew --- that the Orland Park Police Department is among the best in Illinois," said Trustee Dan Calandriello, chair of the village's Public Safety Committee. "The Orland Park Police Department is a professional, dedicated, well trained police force of which we are all very proud," he said.

During the two day on-site assessment the assessing chiefs from other departments used nearly 180 separate ILEAP standards to determine if Orland Park met the program's highest level of accreditation standards. The assessors assigned to Orland Park reviewed more than 1000 Orland Park Police Department documents to establish proof of compliance.

"The independent assessors gave much credit to Orland Park Police Lt. Joe Mitchell who ensured that all 180 policies reflected the highest and best standards in law enforcement and to all members of the department who insure on a daily basis that the policies are faithfully carried out," said Orland Park Police Chief Tim McCarthy.

Other police agencies at level two accreditation include Algonquin, Carbondale, Champaign, Kankakee, Lake in the Hills, Rock Island, Round Lake Beach and the University of Illinois - Urbana Police.