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Tempe Police Department to Undergo ALEAP Property and Evidence Assessment

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Tempe, AZ – A team of assessors from the Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ALEAP) will arrive on May 13, 2026, to examine all aspects of the Tempe Police Department's policies, procedures, management, and operations as they relate to the Property and Evidence function.

Chief Kenneth McCoy stated, "Validation by the assessment team that the Tempe Police Department meets the Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission's best practice standards is an essential component of the voluntary accreditation process, a respected benchmark of professional excellence."

Public Feedback Invitation – On-Site Assessment

As part of the on-site assessment, employees and community members are encouraged to provide feedback regarding the Tempe Police Department's compliance with ALEAP accreditation standards. Feedback can be submitted directly to the Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Program through their website at azleap.org/community-feedback/.

Comments should address the agency's ability to meet the Commission's standards for accreditation. The complete set of standards is available for public review at <https://azleap.org/property-evidence/>. For any additional questions, interested parties may also email the Accreditation Director at stacyolson@azchiefsopolice.org.

The Tempe Police Department's Property & Evidence function must comply with 51 standards to achieve accredited status. Chief McCoy emphasized, "Through accreditation, agencies strengthen accountability, mitigate risk and liability, improve their defense in civil litigation, foster community confidence, and demonstrate their ability to operate efficiently while meeting the needs of those they serve." Chief McCoy also noted the significance of this assessment as the Tempe Police Department seeks to further enhance its already-accredited functions.

Stacy Olson, ALEAP Director, explained, "The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar Arizona agencies. Assessors will review written materials, interview staff, and visit areas where compliance can be observed. Upon completing their review, the team will report to the ALEAP Commission, which will determine whether accredited status is to be granted." Accreditation is valid for four years, with agencies required to submit annual reports confirming continued compliance with accreditation standards.

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