



**CITY OF FALL RIVER MASSACHUSETTS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

***Office of Professional Standards***



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**PRESS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**SUBJECT:** Upcoming Assessment for State Accreditation  
**DATE:** Wednesday, January 2, 2019  
**ATTACHED:** NONE

Chief Albert F. Dupere is pleased to announce that a team of assessors from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC) is scheduled to arrive on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 to begin examining various aspects of the Fall River Police Department's policies and procedures, operations and facilities.

Verification by the Assessment Team that the Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain State Accreditation - A self initiated evaluation process by which police departments strive to meet the maintain standards that have been established for the profession, by the profession.

The Massachusetts Police Accreditation Program consists of 257 mandatory standards as well as 125 optional standards. In order to achieve accreditation status, the Department must meet all applicable mandatory standards as well as 80% of the optional standards.

Achieving accreditation is a highly prized recognition of Law Enforcement professional excellence. Anyone interested in learning more about this program are invited to contact Chief Albert F. Dupere or the Department's Accreditation Manager Palmira Aguiar at 508-324-2797.

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