



City of Fond du Lac Police Department



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ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

The City of Fond du Lac Police Department has been working to attain law enforcement accredited status for the past two and a half years and, as a part of that process, will be undergoing three days of full assessment on November 12 through 14. A team of assessors from the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG), will arrive on November 12, 2019 to examine all aspects of the Fond du Lac Police Department's policies, procedures, administration, operations, and support services. Verification by the assessment team that the Fond du Lac Police Department meets all WILEAG state of the art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation status – recognized as the State of Wisconsin's gold standard of law enforcement professional excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, department employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on November 13th at 5:00pm. The session will be held in Conference Room A at the Fond du Lac Police Department located at 126 N. Main Street. If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone. The public may call (920) 204-2749 on November 13th between the hours of 2:00pm and 4:00pm.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with WILEAG's standards. A copy of the standards are available for review at the front lobby service window at the Fond du Lac Police Department. The Department contact for additional information about this public comments session is Assistant Chief of Police/Administration Aaron Goldstein at (920) 322-3704.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Fond du Lac Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation may write to Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) at WILEAG at P.O. Box 528, Hartland, WI 53029.

The Accreditation Manager for the Fond du Lac Police Department is Assistant Chief of Police/Administration Aaron Goldstein, who has shared that the assessment team will be comprised of law enforcement practitioners from similar Wisconsin agencies who will review written material, interview individuals, and visit locations where compliance can be verified. The assessors are: Sergeant Phil Noche (Team Leader), Lieutenant Matt Wagner, and Officer Michelle Preisler.

Once the WILEAG Board's assessors complete their review of the Department, they report to the full WILEAG Governing Board who will then determine if the City of Fond du Lac Police Department will be granted accredited status.

Once attained, accreditation status is granted for three years, during which time the Department must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited. For more information regarding the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group, please write to WILEAG at P.O. Box 528, Hartland, WI 53029 or executive.director@wileag.info

“The Fond du Lac Police Department has to comply with 549 standards in order to gain law enforcement accredited status in the State of Wisconsin. Each of these standards represents a combination of state or federal law, established best practices, and other similar state of the art guidelines. Our accreditation manager, Assistant Chief of Police Aaron Goldstein, has done a remarkable job in leading us in this massive effort. But, it's been a Department wide team effort and, together, the men and women of our Department have been working exhaustively for more than two and a half years to ensure that, upon full examination, the assessment team and WILEAG governing board finds our Department to be compliance with each and every one of these professional standards. The members of our Department have worked with so much commitment to get to this point and we are excited for the full assessment because we recognize that attaining accreditation status means that we are functioning and executing our mission in strict accordance of the highest standards of law enforcement professional excellence. Needless to say, that will be an accomplishment that we will all be extremely proud of.”
Chief William B. Lamb City of Fond du Lac Police Department

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