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# UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Accreditation



The [Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association](#) introduced the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program in 2001. Since that time over 280 agencies have enrolled and 70 agencies have obtained accreditation status.

The accreditation program is progressive and time-proven way of assisting a police department in evaluating and improving its overall performance. The foundation of this strategy lies in the promulgation of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives. Participating departments must then conduct a thorough analysis to determine how existing operations can be adapted to meet these objectives. When all of these procedures are in place, a team of independent law enforcement professionals is assigned to verify that the 132 applicable operating standards have been successfully implemented. The accreditation process then culminates with a decision by an authoritative body that the department has met all of the applicable standards.

The Upper Merion Township Police Department initially received accreditation from the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission on July 10, 2004 and was re-accredited in July of 2007. Our department recently completed a reassessment in May 2013 and we have maintained our accredited status for another three years. This ongoing process ensures that the Upper Merion Township Police Department continues to provide the highest level of professional service to our community.

For more information or questions regarding our accreditation please contact Lieutenant Christopher Bird @ (610) 205-8531 or [cbird@umtownship.org](mailto:cbird@umtownship.org)