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In June of 2005, the Rockport Police Department received its first Certificate of Accreditation from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission, Inc. (MPAC). Most recently in October of 2014, the Rockport Police Department received its 3rd Certificate of Re-Accreditation. In 2017, the department will be reassessed by the commission.

Being accredited requires the Rockport Police Department to be in compliance more than 250 applicable mandatory standards. The Rockport Police Department is further required to be in compliance with a minimum of 55% of an additional 125 optional standards as part of the program.

Some of the common benefits to the Accreditation program include:

- Provide a norm for an agency to judge its performance.
- Provide a basis to correct deficiencies in an agency's operations before they become public problems.
- Require agencies to commit policies and procedures to writing.
- Promote accountability among agency personnel and the evenhanded application of policies.
- Provide a means of independent evaluation of agency operations.
- Provide a quality assurance review of the agency.
- Enhance the reputation of the agency and promotes public confidence in it.

The standards for the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Program are based upon national standards established by the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The standards reflect the best professional practices in areas of police management, operations, administration, and support services.