MACP Accreditation: It’s easier than you think

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History of Accreditation

When did law enforcement accreditation start?

Accreditation presents MACP members and their command staff with an opportunity to craft the agency into a highly efficient and effective organization.
Why Accreditation Matters

Participating agencies and members will have the satisfaction of setting the *tone for generations* of officers to come and shaping the future of the delivery of police services.

Agencies will meet standards that address and *reduce liability* for the agency and its members.
In short, law enforcement is under greater scrutiny than ever before.

Accreditation provides your agency with an extra layer of defensibility following an incident.
How accreditation works?

A gap analysis comparing your written directives and processes with proven, defensible industry standards.

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Am I signing up for 104 new tasks?  

**NO!**

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• You are probably *ALREADY* doing a lot of the things accreditation requires

• Accreditation allows you to validate and document what you are already doing
What are the standards

The standards developed by the program are only guidelines for *WHAT should be done*, not *HOW it should be done*.
What are the standards

They address **WHAT** agencies should be doing to be the best.

The **HOW** is left up to the individual agency and the Chief Executive Officer.
What you’re already doing

• Writing and implementing written directives
• Keeping written directives up to date
What will be new

• Building files and Gathering Proofs of Compliance

• Amending/Creating SOME directives to meet the standards
What will be new

• Keeping your written directives and reports up to date

• Show proof of training on the directives and standard mandates
What can make it easier

• Strong commitment by the CEO

• Political support

• Appointment of a talented Accreditation Manager

• Become a member of the PAC, user group
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What can make it easier

- Line officer education and buy-in
- Participation throughout the agency
- Use of an electronic system, like PowerDMS
How PowerDMS can help

• Up to 50% reduction in accreditation file preparation time

• Generates reminders and to-do tasks to ensure everyone stays on track

• Saves time on re-accreditation by copying directives and proofs from one cycle to the next year
The MACP is DEDICATED to the accreditation process and the SUCCESS of the departments involved.

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QUESTIONS?

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Learn more

- Look at the resources available on the MACP website: www.michiganpolicechiefs.org
- Attend Accreditation Manager training
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