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On Thursday, June 5, 2014 the Upper Dublin Township Police Department successfully completed the requirements necessary to be re-accredited for a 3 year term by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. The Upper Dublin Township Police Department was officially recognized for their accomplishment and awarded documents displaying their achievement by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission on behalf of the Pennsylvania Chief's of Police Association at their conference on July 16, 2014.

The Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association introduced the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program to the Commonwealth in July 2001. Since then, of the over 1,150 law enforcement agencies within Pennsylvania, approximately 300 agencies have enrolled in the program and only 100 agencies currently have attained accreditation. The members of the Upper Dublin Township Police Department are proud to have attained this distinguished status.

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department, under the direction of Chief Terrence P. Thompson, first embarked on becoming an accredited agency in the fall of 2003. On May 21, 2005 the Upper Dublin Township Police Department became a state accredited law enforcement agency. Once initial accreditation is achieved it must be maintained and the process of providing the necessary proofs of compliance resumes for a 3 year period. Since then, the Upper Dublin Township Police Department has been re-accredited on three occasions: July 12, 2008, June 10, 2011, and now June 5, 2014. The Upper Dublin Township Police Department's accreditation status will once again be re-evaluated in June of 2017.

According to The Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission's website, the accreditation program was designed and developed by professional law enforcement executives to

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provide a reasonable and cost effective plan for the professionalization of law enforcement agencies within the Commonwealth. Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping institutions evaluate and improve their overall performance. When the proper policies and procedures are in place, a team of independent professionals is assigned to verify that all applicable standards have been successfully implemented. The process culminates with a decision by an authoritative body that the institution is worthy of accreditation.

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