



LOUISVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

**TYPE OF INCIDENT: Colorado Association of Chiefs
of Police State Accreditation**

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On July 17, 2018, City Council passed a resolution acknowledging and endorsing the achievement of the Louisville Police Department in obtaining State Accreditation from the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP). The State Accreditation program involves voluntary participation from law enforcement agencies throughout Colorado. Through the application process, the law enforcement agency must show proof of compliance with approximately 186 professional standards developed by CACP to become accredited. If the agency can show proof of compliance, they are granted accreditation. Of the approximate 300 law enforcement agencies in Colorado, only 41 are accredited through the CACP Accreditation program.

The benefits of CACP Accreditation include:

- Proof of compliance with industry best practices
- Liability protection
- Professional recognition
- Review of the agency's policy and procedure manual and updates

On June 7, 2018, an on-site assessment was conducted by Assessors Chief Don Vallero of the Federal Heights Police Department and Deputy Chief Lee Mathis of the Erie Police Department. After this assessment and a review of the Police Department's new Policy and Procedure Manual, the Assessors recommended that the Louisville Police Department receive accreditation.

Fort Morgan's Chief of Police Paul Schultz represented the CACP Professional Standards and presented Chief David Hayes with the formal accreditation at the City Council meeting.

The Louisville Police Department will hold a celebration that is open to the public to acknowledge this important milestone. It will be held at the Police Department (992 Via Appia Way, Louisville, Colorado) on Wednesday, July 25th from noon until 4:00pm. Members of the department will be on hand to give building tours to the community, and drinks and snacks will be provided.