



TOWN OF NORTH ANDOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

"Community Partnership"



*Office of the Chief of Police
Paul J. Gallagher*

Chief Paul Gallagher is pleased to announce that a team of assessors from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission is scheduled to arrive on April 5, 2016, to begin a three-day assessment examining various aspects of the North Andover Police Department's Policies and Procedures, Operations and Facility.

Verification by the Assessment Team that the Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to maintain state Accreditation, a self-initiated evaluation process by which police departments strive to meet and maintain standards that have been established for the profession, by the profession.

The Massachusetts Police Accreditation Program consists of 257 mandatory standards as well as 125 optional standards. In order to achieve accreditation status, the Department must meet all applicable mandatory standards as well as 60% of the optional standards.

Achieving Accreditation is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence. Anyone interested in learning more about this program is invited to call Chief Gallagher or the Department's Accreditation Manager, Sergeant Gene Salois.