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MEDIA RELEASE

At the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners Meeting on October 14th 2025, NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation Manager Harry Delgado presented the Certificate of Accreditation to Sheriff Darrin Russo and the Somerset County Sheriff's Office. The assessment examines all the Sheriff's Office's "best practices", procedures, policies and operational standards to provide for excellence in policing. This accreditation is voluntary and is extremely comprehensive. Sheriff Darrin Russo sought this accreditation to ensure that the Somerset County remains the best in the business. At the ceremony he thanked Sgt. Antoinette Hartman, Officer Rachel Tremarco, and Officer Samuel Marton for their hard work on this project. The Somerset County Commissioners lauded Sheriff Russo and the Sheriff's Office for receiving this prestigious distinction.

The Somerset County Sheriff's Office was required to meet and comply with NJSACOP LEAP standards to achieve accreditation status. The assessment team is comprised of law enforcement practitioners from similar New Jersey law enforcement agencies. The assessors review various items, such as written materials, interviews with agency members, as well as visiting the agency offices and other places where compliance with the standards can be observed. When the review of the agency is completed, the assessors furnish a full report to the entire body of the Accreditation Commission who then decide if an agency should be awarded accreditation status. Accreditation status is valid for a three (3) year period during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting to their continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

"Accreditation is a time-proven method that assists law enforcement agencies in improving their overall performance. This process results in greater accountability for the agency, helps to reduce risk and liability exposure, and provides more confidence in the agency's ability to operate efficiently and respond to community needs. Accreditation is an important part in maintaining the trust of the community we serve" stated Sheriff Darrin J. Russo.

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