



## Town of Farmville, Virginia Police Department

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### **Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission to Honor Farmville for Achieving Reaccredited Status**

**FARMVILLE, VA-** Derrick M. Mays, Program Manager for the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC), will present the Certification of Accreditation to the Town of Farmville for its commitment to law enforcement excellence as evidenced by their successful completion of the certification process for the Virginia Law Enforcement Accreditation Program at the Town Council Work Session on Wednesday, June 7 at 11 a.m.

All accreditation programs are designed to measure and confirm compliance of the participating agency with the professional standards in whatever discipline or profession they are involved. It is one of the only means by which citizens and government leaders can be assured that an agency is maintaining the high performance marks to which the community has a right.

The Town of Farmville has demonstrated their commitment to professionalism and their willingness to be measured by and compared to the best in the profession.

Virginia's program was started in the early 1990's, with the creation of a twelve member Commission of representatives from the Virginia Sheriff's Association and the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police. The VLEPSC provides law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth with an avenue for demonstrating that they meet nearly 200 accepted standards for efficient and effective agency operation. The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) administers the program for VLEPSC.

To obtain accreditation, a law enforcement agency must meet all applicable program standards, maintain their accreditation files on an on-going basis and provide annual verifications of compliance as required by the Commission. On-site assessments by specially trained program assessors assure consistency and full compliance of all accredited agencies.

A listing of the program criteria is available on the DCHS website at [www.dcjs.virginia.gov](http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov).

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