

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Howard Tipton, Town Manager
FROM: George Turner, Chief of Police
REPORT DATE: December 7, 2023
MEETING DATE: December 11, 2023
SUBJECT: Police Accreditation Update

Recommended Action

None, informational only.

Background

In 2021, the Town of Longboat Key received a grant from the Barancik Foundation for the Police Department to pursue State of Florida Accreditation through the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.

The accreditation process began with a Self-Assessment period which included the complete updating and review of all policies, procedures, and general orders. This also included, but was not limited to, updating our evidence procedures, equipment, training, and building security to comply with state accreditation standards and best practices.

On January 4, 2023, the Police Department signed the official contract with the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement to begin our commitment to pursue professional excellence through accreditation.

On September 5, 2023, the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation notified the police department that our Accreditation Assessment was scheduled for December 5 – 7, 2023.

On Tuesday December 5, 2023, the State Assessment Team arrived on site to begin the extensive three-day review of the Longboat Key Police Department.

On Thursday December 7, 2023, the State Accreditation Assessment Team completed the review and met with the Police Department Command Staff and Town Manager Howard Tipton to review the final assessment. The Assessment team advised that the Longboat Key Police Department met all Florida accreditation standards and requirements, and will now be recommended for final Commission review and recognition.

The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation will receive the final assessment report from the Assessment Team, have opportunity to interview police department personnel, review our highlighted programs, and then hold a formal Commission vote to recognize the Accreditation designation of the Longboat Key Police Department on February 22, 2024, in St Augustine, Florida.

Attachments (Available in the Town Clerk's Office)

- A. Accreditation video
- B. Barancik Police Accreditation Grant

- C. Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation letter dated January 4, 2023
- D. Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation letter dated September 5, 2023.

End of Agenda Item