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SEPTEMBER 8: PUBLIC NOTICE

Chief of Police Margaret Ackley is pleased to announce that effective today, the City of New London Police Department has been officially recognized by the State of Connecticut [Police Officer Standards and Training Council](#) (POSTC) as being a Tier One Accredited Agency.

POSTC is the centralized state body that oversees and directs the training, certification and mandated policy development for all law enforcement officers and agencies in Connecticut other than the Connecticut State Police. The goal of the POSTC accreditation program is to gain voluntary compliance from local law enforcement agencies to ascent to a set of widely accepted professional practices that best exemplifies modern, compassionate and ethical policing operations.

The POSTC inspection team conducted an on-site assessment of the New London Police Department on July 19th. During the assessment all Tier One accreditation categories were audited. Tier One accreditation categories primarily encompass high-liability areas of police work like pursuits, use of force, the handling of prisoners and command and control functions. Of the 124 areas of liability assessed, no deficiencies were found.

Since being appointed Chief of Police in June of 2009, Chief Ackley has made professional standards and the uniformity of services provided to the public an agency priority. The policy development, procedural changes and additions to staffing required to achieve accreditation has taken over eighteen months to accomplish. Along with members of the department, the citizens of New London should feel a sense of pride as the New London Police Department is now one of only 30 law enforcement agencies statewide wo have met the standards for accreditation.

The accreditation process is an ongoing journey. Reaccreditation will occur within three years and at that time our ability to continue to adhere to the professional guidelines issued by POSTC will be reassessed. Anyone with questions about the accreditation process or our efforts to remain accredited should contact Deputy Chief Segar at msegar@ci.new-london.ct.us or the department's Accreditation Manager, Sergeant Patricia Lieteau at plieteau@ci.new-london.ct.us

A copy of the standards is available at our website by clicking [here](#).