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## **ELIZABETH POLICE DEPARTMENT BECOMES THE LARGEST URBAN ACCREDITED AGENCY**

**ELIZABETH, NJ— January 5, 2022** — The NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation Program Director Harry Delgado and Accreditation Commissioner Jim Polos, presented the Certificate of Accreditation to the Elizabeth Police Department on Wednesday morning. The Certificate of Accreditation was received by Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, Police Chief Giacomo Sacca, Director Earl Graves, Accreditation Manager Lieutenant Michael Maulshagen and members of the Elizabeth Police Department command staff.

“The Elizabeth Police Department has worked diligently, not only in the accreditation process, but on a day to day basis,” said Mayor J. Christian Bollwage. “Becoming the largest urban center to be accredited by the NJ State Association is a great testament not only to their leadership, but their every day work.”

The Elizabeth Police Department made the commitment to adhere to the best practices at the state and national level in a highly regarded Statewide Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. The program was administered through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police and the New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission and has helped to transparently demonstrate the professionalism and preparedness of State's Law Enforcement agencies. This Accreditation embodies the precepts of community-oriented policing. It creates a forum in which police and citizens work together to prevent and control challenges confronting law enforcement and provides clear direction about community expectations.

“The Elizabeth Police Department has been recognized for their professionalism and adherence to the highest standards,” said Earl Graves, Police Director. “Accreditation status represents a significant professional achievement, and our Department shows that.”

The City of Elizabeth is the fourth largest municipality in the State of New Jersey with a population of over 137,000. With its close proximity to the entire tri-state area, the Elizabeth Police Department responds to an array of calls, incidents and emergency issues. Additional recruits will strengthen operations and increase overall assistance to residents.