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**Delaware County Sheriff's Office Receives Re-accreditation by
Pa. Chiefs of Police Association – Pa. Law Enforcement
Accreditation Program**

August 9, 2018 – Media, Pa. – Delaware County Sheriff Jerry L. Sanders, Jr. announced today that the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association (PCPA) notified him that the Delaware County Sheriff's Office has completed the "necessary qualifications and mandatory requirements" of the Pa. Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC) and has been recertified and awarded the *Certificate of Law Enforcement Accreditation* for the third time.

According to PCPA, "Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping institutions evaluate and improve their overall performance [with] the promulgation of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives". Designed, developed and overseen by law enforcement professionals, the PLEAC process assures that the highest standards of law enforcement are achieved and maintained by agencies achieving accreditation in Pennsylvania.

The long process of accreditation has been on-going since the Delaware County Sheriff's Office was first accredited on this date in 2012. The program requires a thorough evaluation of all Sheriff's Office policies, procedures and practices.

"Achievement of the certification each time would not have been possible without the full cooperation of every employee of the Sheriff's Office," said Delaware County Sheriff Jerry Sanders. "I am very grateful to each of them for their dedication to the process and its successful

outcome. Specifically, I want to thank Captain Michellene Conte who directed the department through the arduous requirements of the PLEAC process. Her contributions to the effort were vitally important to its continuing success.”

The new Certificate of Law Enforcement Accreditation was presented to Sheriff Sanders by Mr. Richard E. Hammon, Accreditation Program Coordinator, Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association at the Sheriff’s Office today. At the presentation the Sheriff and Mr. Hammon were joined by Chief Deputy Michael Donohue, Captain Michellene Conte, Recorder of Deeds Mary Walk and County Controller Joanne Phillips.

The Delaware County Sheriff’s Office is responsible for the service of civil writs and criminal and civil warrants throughout the county. In additional, deputies provide transportation services bringing prisoners to the court house for trials; extradition of offenders from other jurisdictions back to Delaware County for adjudication, and security of court rooms during pre-trial and trial proceedings. The Sheriff’s Office employs approximately 16 civilian employees and 60 uniformed commanders and deputy sheriffs.

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