

Introduction to Accreditation



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What is Accreditation?



- Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping institutions evaluate and improve their overall performance.
- Voluntary process in which an agency is evaluated on the existence of prescribed standards and demonstrated compliance with those standards.
- Accreditation is an on-going process and requires the agency to be evaluated on a regular basis.
- Standards are developed from best practices in law enforcement.

WILEAG Accreditation



- The 5th Edition of the WILEAG Standards requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedure, administration, operations, and support services.
- The program consists of 242 standards, containing 602 separate dimensions, that incorporate the best police practices and are specifically tailored to the needs and capabilities of Wisconsin agencies.
- Agencies are evaluated every three years.

WILEAG



- Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group
- Authority over the development of standards, requirements of the accreditation process and the awarding of accreditation status.
- Formed as an initiative of the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association to provide a high quality, affordable alternative to national accreditation.
- Tailored to meet the needs and capabilities of Wisconsin agencies.

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- Wisconsin Police Accreditation Coalition
- Resource for agencies involved in the accreditation process.
- Provides guidance in file construction and Standards interpretation.
- Network for communication, support and sharing of resources.
- Works in cooperation with WILEAG to enhance accreditation through standards review and process recommendations.

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- Provides training and mentoring in achieving accreditation.
- Resource for sample policies and proofs of compliance.
- Assists with mock assessments to member agencies.
- www.wi-pac.org

Benefits of Accreditation



- Promotes excellence and professionalism within law enforcement through voluntary compliance with recognized best practices.
- Basis for enhanced sense of professionalism and pride for agencies and agency personnel.
- Confidence that your agency is in functional compliance through an independent review and evaluation of agency operations.

Benefits of Accreditation



- Security in the knowledge that agencies are well managed.
- Confidence that enforcement operations and personnel are consistent and well directed.
- Policies and procedures following best practices can help reduce liability and may increase savings on insurance costs.
- Network and collaboration with other professional agencies and organizations.

Core Standards Verification



The Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) has identified 49 CORE standards from within the 242 5th Edition standards in its ACCREDITATION PROGRAM.

These 49 select standards and the associated agency policies are at the heart of the program. They are focused on:

- Key Federal & State statutory mandates related to law enforcement.
- Requirements arising from case law.
- Inherent issues related to high risk law enforcement operations.
- Sensitive areas involving community relations.

Core Standards Verification



The Core Standards Verification Program is designed to serve smaller Wisconsin law enforcement agencies.

It is available to all agencies upon first time, but only serve cities, villages and towns under 10,000 population and sheriff's offices serving counties with a county population of 30,000 or less upon reaccreditation.

Core Standards Verification



The 49 Standards of the Core Standards Verification Program

Core Standard 01-1.2.4	Harassment in the Workplace
Core Standard 02-1.2.5	Privacy in Locker Rooms
Core Standard 03-1.6.1	Expander of Jurisdiction
Core Standard 04-1.6.2	Mutual Aid
Core Standard 05-1.7.7	Strip Searches
Core Standard 06-1.7.8	Biased-Based Policing
Core Standard 07-1.9.1	Agency Investigations of Complaints
Core Standard 08-2.4.5	Medical Exams
Core Standard 09-2.7.1	Part-Time Officers
Core Standard 10-2.8.1	Auxiliary Personnel
Core Standard 11-2.8.2	Reserve Police Officers
Core Standard 12-4.2.1	Disciplinary System
Core Standard 13-5.1.1	Use of Force
Core Standard 14-5.3.1	Use-of-Force Reporting
Core Standard 15-5.3.2	Post Use-of-Force Incident Review
Core Standard 16-5.3.4	Annual Use-of-Force Analysis
Core Standard 17-6.1.4	High Speed Pursuit
Core Standard 18-6.1.8	Anatomical Gifts
Core Standard 19-6.1.9	Mobile/Wearable Video Recorders
Core Standard 20-6.1.10	Emergency Detentions
Core Standard 21-6.1.11	Criminal Trespass to Dwellings
Core Standard 22-6.2.5	Traffic Stops / Approach
Core Standard 23-6.3.6	Adult Custodial Interrogation
Core Standard 24-6.3.7	Eyewitness Identification
Core Standard 25-6.3.8	Officer Involved Critical Incidents

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- Core Standard 26-6.3.9 Domestic Abuse**
- Core Standard 27-6.3.10 Officer Involved Domestic Violence**
- Core Standard 28-6.3.11 Prescription Drug Monitoring Prog.**
- Core Standard 29-6.6.1 Juvenile Operations**
- Core Standard 30-6.6.2 Juvenile Offender**
- Core Standard 31-6.6.3 Juveniles in Custody**
- Core Standard 32-6.6.4 Juvenile Custodial Interrigation**
- Core Standard 33-6.6.5 Missing Juvenile Investigations**
- Core Standard 34-6.6.6 Relinquishing Custody of Newborns**
- Core Standard 35-6.6.7 Reporting Child Abuse**
- Core Standard 36-7.1.1 Search of Detainees**
- Core Standard 37-7.2.4 Temporary Detention Procedures**
- Core Standard 38-9.1.10 Inter-Jurisdictional Communications**
- Core Standard 39-10.1.1 Records Security**
- Core Standard 40-10.2.1 Open Records**
- Core Standard 41-10.2.2 Records Retention**
- Core Standard 42-11.1.2 Evidence Collection**
- Core Standard 43-11.2.6 System Integrity**
- Core Standard 44-12.2.3 Recruit Training**
- Core Standard 45-12.2.4 Field Training**
- Core Standard 46-12.2.5 Annual Training**
- Core Standard 47-12.2.6 Career Development**
- Core Standard 48-14.1.1 Victim and Witness Rights**
- Core Standard 49-14.1.2 Victim and Witness Services**

Core Standards Verification



The Core Standards Verification Program serves two purposes for agencies that successfully participate:

1. It provides independent verification that the agency is meeting minimum expectations in essential areas of operations and management.
2. It serves as a stepping stone to full accreditation for those agencies that aspire to that level of professional excellence.

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