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### UM police department seeking state affirmation of meeting standards

JUNE 22, 2016 BY JON SCOTT



OXFORD, Miss. – A team of assessors from the Mississippi Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission will conduct an on-site assessment June 27-28 at the **University of Mississippi Police Department** to ensure compliance with the Mississippi State Standards.

Law enforcement agencies seeking to be accredited by the MSLEAC are required to comply with 140 professional standards to achieve state-accredited status.

The MSLEAC assessment team will be composed of law enforcement practitioners from in-state agencies. The assessors will review agency policies and practices, interview personnel and examine files kept by the University Police Department specifically in regard to state accreditation.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments regarding the University Police Department by telephone. This will occur from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. June 28. Anyone interested in participating can call 662-915-4826 during these times. Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must directly address the University Police Department's ability to comply with MSLEAC standards.

Once the assessors complete their review, a report will be issued to the state commission, which will then decide whether or not to award accreditation.

Individuals wishing to offer written comments about the University Police Department's ability to meet standards for state accreditation are requested to write:

Mississippi Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission

Attn: Accreditation Alliance Manager

1025 Northpark Drive

Ridgeland, MS 39157

For more information about the Mississippi Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, write the MSLEAC at the address above or call 601-977-3782. For more information regarding the University Police Department's accreditation effort, call Chief Tim Potts or Lt. Kendall Brown at 662-915-7234.

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