



HOLIDAY SAFETY
 By Robert Hubner, Director,
 Woodbridge Police Department



The Woodbridge Police Department (WPD) first received National Accreditation in March, 1999. The WPD was re-accredited in 2002, 2005, 2008, and 2011, 2014 and is currently in the process of achieving accreditation in 2017.

What is National Accreditation and What Does It Mean? A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) arrived at the WPD on November 29 to conduct an extensive three-day on-site inspection. The assessors were led by team leader John Foster who retired after 32 years of service as a captain with the Florissant, Missouri Police Department and assisted by Chief of Police Ed Densmore of the Johns Creek Police Department in Georgia.

The assessment team evaluated all aspects of the Woodbridge Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services. Besides reviewing over hundreds of standards the WPD must meet, the assessors interviewed ranking police personnel, police officers, civilian employees, the Mayor and other Township officials in regard to the WPD and its operation(s). Both assessors completed "ride along's" with police officers and a public hearing was held to allow the public to comment in person or by phone on WPD operations.

On December 1st after three days of inspection, an exit interview was conducted where I, along with the command staff, met with the assessors to go over their findings. It was at this time that retired captain John Foster indicated that he was recommending the WPD for a seventh re-accreditation to the full CALEA Commission. Captain Foster will be preparing a complete report for the Commission's review, and in March 2017, the WPD expects to receive word from CALEA on a final accreditation decision.

The accreditation process is not something that takes place every three years, but is an ongoing process and commitment. The WPD must submit reports proving compliance and constantly review and update policy and procedures. Accreditation is very important to the Woodbridge Police Department as it is a way of measuring itself against nationally recognized standards and fits perfectly with the Township's commitment to increased professionalism and public safety.

I am very confident that WPD will again attain the goal of re-accreditation because of the dedication of the men and women both sworn and civilian of the Woodbridge Police Department and the hard work of our Accreditation Manager Mr. Drew Tuttle.



Pictured above are Woodbridge Police Officer Drew William Krupinski (left) and Officer Edward Michael Adams (right).

WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP SWEARS IN TWO NEW POLICE OFFICERS

On December 14, 2016 Woodbridge Township swore in two new Police Officers to join in the ranks of the Woodbridge Police Department. The officers sworn in were:

Officer Drew William Krupinski

WPD Officer Drew Krupinski, 25 years of age and a resident of Avenel. Officer Krupinski graduated Colonia High School in June of 2008. He attended Kean University and graduated in 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education. Drew comes to the Woodbridge Police Department from Source 4 Teachers, based in Cherry Hill, NJ, where he was employed as a full-time substitute physical education teacher at School # 9 in the Port Reading section of Woodbridge.

Officer Edward Michael Adams

WPD Officer Edward Adams, 24 years of age and a resident of Sewaren. Officer Adams graduated Woodbridge High School in June of 2010. He continued his education after High School attending Lincoln Technical and graduated in July of 2012. Officer Adams comes to the Woodbridge Police Department from Thermal Services where he was employed as an HVAC specialist.



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