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Police Training and Standards Commission

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Dear Agency Head:

Public Safety Article, §3-207(E) required the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission (Commission) to develop best practices for the establishment and implementation of a Community Policing Program in each jurisdiction. The Commission is also required to establish a system by which each local law enforcement agency annually files a detailed description of its Community Policing Program. Further, the Commission shall annually review each Community Policing Program filed in accordance with § 3-517 and provide each agency with any comments that the Commission may have to improve the agency's Community Policing Program.

Originally, the Commission complied with that statute in January 2018. Upon receiving and reviewing agency programs for 2018, it was recognized that if several edits were implemented to the reporting process, compliance would be easier and the information collected would result in better data.

You can locate the revised reporting format on mdle.net under the "Police Training and Standards Commission" in the main menu or by clicking on <https://mdle.net/standards.htm>.

Remember, each local law enforcement agency must post a detailed description of its Community Policing Program on the internet in accordance with Public Safety Article, § 3-515 in addition to annually reporting a description of the law enforcement agency's Community Policing Program with the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission, in accordance with § 3-207.

Also, a "Guidelines for Community Policing Initiatives for Law Enforcement Agencies" is posted on mdle.net. The document will help guide your agency with implementation or expansion of a community policing program as well as the reporting schedule and obligations.

Sincerely,

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