



The Standard Newsletter

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Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group



A message from the WILEAG President

Chief Torin Misko, Hartland Police Department

Greetings,

While summer has quickly passed by and winter is approaching, the WILEAG Board said goodbye to long-time board member Chief Greg Peterson of the Grand Chute Police Department upon his retirement. I asked Chief Peterson to reflect on his many years on the WILEAG Board to preserve our history and he kindly provided me with the following:

Chief Peterson's first exposure to accreditation came in 1991, when he was selected to be the accreditation manager for the Appleton Police Department. The police department became accredited by CALEA in 1992, but he was promoted out of the accreditation manager position prior to receiving the award. Chief Peterson found himself back in the world of accreditation when he was selected to be a WILEAG assessor in 1998. He had the honor of leading the first WILEAG onsite which occurred at the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office in March of 1998. Chief Peterson was first appointed to the WILEAG board by Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association (WCPA) President Randy Williams on October 01, 2004. However, due to a shortage of assessors, he needed to fulfill several onsite obligations before he could assume the board position as board members could not serve as assessors at that time. He was eventually introduced as the new WCPA representative at the August WILEAG board meeting in 2005. During Chief Peterson's first few years on the Board, WILEAG was struggling to gain a foothold. In 2008, WILEAG had 19 accredited agencies, but during the first 10 years WILEAG also lost 10 agencies that chose not to seek reaccreditation. In addition, WILEAG was in the red financially and unable to cover all their expenses. On April 01, 2008, board member Jim Scrivner wrote a letter to a core group of active WILEAG board members, which included Erick Slamka, Dave Steingraber, Stan Stojkovic, and Chief Peterson. The letter began, "I am writing to this core group of active board members because WILEAG's future is in our hands, and the time has come to act and act decisively." In the months that followed, those board members strengthened the commitment and attendance of other board members, began seeking outside funding sources, and rolled out the 3rd Edition standards. Development of the 3rd Edition standards was a critical step in WILEAG's evolution, as the 2nd Edition standards mirrored CALEA standards based on a belief that CALEA was interested in an alliance that would serve as a pathway from WILEAG accreditation to CALEA accreditation. When this alliance dissolved, WILEAG had to scramble to establish their



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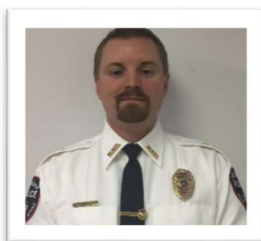
independence from CALEA. On November 24, 2009, the board officially approved WILEAG's relationship with CVMIC. This was an important step for WILEAG, as it provided WILEAG with a “home”, bolstered WILEAG’s training capability, enhanced WILEAG’s exposure amongst CVMIC members, and ensured everyone was well fed after board meetings. In January 2010, the executive committees of WILEAG and WI-PAC met to define our respective roles and responsibilities and form a partnership. This partnership with WI-PAC has been instrumental in enabling agencies to smoothly navigate the self-assessment process, making accreditation more attainable for countless agencies. Another important step in WILEAG's growth was the introduction of the Core Standards Verification Program (CSVP) in January 2014. Initially introduced as a program designed for cities, villages, and towns with a population of 10,000 or less, or counties with a population of 30,000 or less, the program is now available to any agency seeking to improve their organization without embarking on full accreditation, or, while they consider the possibility of full accreditation. The CSVP program opened the door to many agencies that might have believed full accreditation was beyond their reach and dramatically improved WILEAG membership. Chief Peterson was also proud of WILEAG's relationship with the WCPA that allows for awards to be presented at the winter WCPA conference, providing an outstanding opportunity to showcase not only WILEAG, but also the hard work and achievements of WILEAG agencies.

Thank you, Chief Peterson, for your commitment to many decades of striving for the highest level of excellence in the law enforcement profession and the continuous improvement you brought to WILEAG. Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

With Chief Peterson’s retirement, Chief Kelly Bakken of the Altoona Police Department was appointed to the WILEAG Board to represent the Fourth-Class Cities, Towns, and Villages Committee of the WCPA. We welcome Chief Bakken to the WILEAG Board and look forward to her guidance as a recent WILEAG and CALEA accredited agency.

WILEAG remains committed to providing a meaningful and affordable accreditation process to the law enforcement agencies of Wisconsin. We look forward to addressing the professional needs of police and sheriff’s departments for many years to come.

Thank you,





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2025 Fall Training

Full Accreditation Manager Training

Date: October 16th, 2025, 9 am (check in 8:30 am) to 2:30 pm

This *free* training is designed to prepare attendees to serve as their agency's accreditation manager, covering all 262 standards required for full accreditation.

CORE Verification Manager Training

Date: October 28th, 2025, 9 am (check in 8:30 am) to 2:30 pm

This *free* training will prepare attendees to serve as their agency's accreditation manager for CORE verification, covering 65 CORE standards.

Assessor Training

Date: November 3rd, 2025, 9 am (check in 8:30 am) to 2:30 pm

This *free* training prepares attendees to serve as a WILEAG assessor for their agency, whether pursuing full accreditation or CORE verification.

Note: Please attend one of the two manager training sessions prior to this training to ensure a solid understanding of accreditation and the process.

Location:

Training provided by WILEAG and hosted by CVMIC in their training room A, 2nd floor, 9898 W. Bluemound Road, Wauwatosa, WI.

Available in person at:

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Wauwatosa, WI

Questions? Contact WILEAG Executive Director Katie Wrightsman at

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Featured Board Member

Doctor Stan Stojkovic

Stan Stojkovic is a retired Professor Emeritus and Dean of the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM). He worked at UWM for over 40 years. He has served on the board of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) since 2000, the longest tenured member of the WILEAG board. In addition, he has served in the capacity as trainer and evaluator for several criminal justice initiatives and practices over 4 decades, including work with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections and many other police agencies and correctional departments across the country.

He was the co-founder of the California Department of Corrections Leadership Institute (1994) and founder of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Executive Leadership Institute (2017-2024). He has served as a correctional consultant to many departments of corrections across the world, including the countries of Austria, England, and South Africa. He has authored many professional and academic articles, book chapters and editorials about police practices, correctional efforts, and crime policies.

He is the author or co-author of 9 books on several topics related to criminal justice administration and management and has been on numerous radio and television talk shows addressing criminal justice issues.

Stan's thoughts on accreditation

"Accreditation is a formal process that allows police departments to measure themselves alongside other police departments regarding standards on how we police a free society. It allows individual police departments the opportunity to gauge themselves relative to evolving police standards regarding correct conduct and performance of professional duties. I see no other opportunity within the police profession to see how any individual police department measures up to performance standards generated by hundreds of other police departments concerning action and performance of police work. It is the opportunity for police to converse and interact with other police professionals on what are the best practices in policing. As such, it is an invaluable resource and process that contemporary police organizations require to perform their duties. No other action within police work involves not only the work of others outside the police organization but also the involvement of community members and other professional groups to forward a message on what good policing entails."



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WILEAG Executive Director

Katie Wrightsman

Hello WILEAG Members!

The WILEAG Board is committed to keeping our accreditation manuals up to date. This summer, the Governing Board approved several updates to both the **6th Edition Full Accreditation Manual** and the **3rd Edition CORE Manual**.

Updates to the 6th Edition Full Manual include:

- Addition to the Guiding Principles
- Revisions/edits to standards 3.2.3, 6.1.4, 6.3.7, and 10.1.1

Updates to the 3rd Edition CORE Manual Include:

- Addition to the Guiding Principles
- Addition of Standard 1.4.4, bringing the total number of standards in the program to 66
- Revisions/edits to standards 3.2.3, 6.1.4, 6.3.7, and 10.1.1 (standards found in both programs)

The updated manuals can be found on our website: www.wileag.info

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions. I'm here to support and guide you through the accreditation Process.

Stay safe,

Katie

Katie Wrightsman
WILEAG Executive Director

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Digital Compliance in Policing: A Modern Approach to Accreditation and Digital transformation with PM AM HCM

As law enforcement faces tighter regulatory scrutiny and complex accreditation standards, digital transformation has become essential. The PM AM HCM platform enables both departments and accrediting bodies to move into a fully digital compliance ecosystem, saving time and resources that can be redirected toward policing.

PM AM HCM streamlines compliance by digitizing every aspect of accreditation and audit prep. Departments can manage policies, track training (classroom and field), handle forms, and record attestations—all within one platform. This ensures agencies have audit-ready documentation on hand, eliminating last-minute stress and simplifying coordination with accreditors.

Purpose-built for law enforcement, the Policy, Training, and Forms modules include a robust attestation process where officers verify both completion and understanding before signing off. This creates a digitally traceable, legally defensible record for every compliance activity.

PM AM HCM also digitally transforms agencies with smarter policing. Modules like the Field Training Officer (FTO), Workforce activity, Internal Affairs, Scheduling, Mass Citizen outreach, Vacation home watch, Social Media engagement and Community Sharing enhance structure, accountability, and collaboration. With access to over 8,000 shared policies and features like Citizen Outreach and Vacant Home Watch, departments stay connected with the public while remaining compliant.

Used all over the country, PM AM HCM sets the benchmark for digital transformation in modern policing. By replacing manual processes with efficient, auditable workflows, the platform delivers both operational clarity and peace of mind.

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