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New President's Message

Interim Chief Greg Peterson, Grand Chute Police Department

Greetings, and welcome to the inaugural edition of *The Standard*, newsletter for the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG). I'm pleased to introduce this latest development in our ongoing quest to provide Wisconsin law enforcement agencies with a high quality, professional accreditation process that meets the specific needs of our state law enforcement community. We envision *The Standard* as a vehicle for keeping our stakeholders apprised of important elements of the law enforcement accreditation initiative in Wisconsin and to showcase the successes of our participating agencies. We hope you find it informative and a reflection of our overall objective to promote the improvement of law enforcement in the State.

While WILEAG is excited about the launch of *The Standard*, we also recognize that achieving the goals we've established will take far more effort than the creation of a quarterly newsletter. In future editions we hope to elaborate on the results of these efforts and provide information on such things as the strengthening of our partnerships with organizations that share our goal of enhanced police professionalism and the review of program standards to ensure they reflect contemporary policing practices, to name just a few. We also hope to use *The Standard* as a means of conveying the many benefits of participation in the accreditation process.

Our introduction of *The Standard* is not the only new information we wish to unveil. During the October meeting of the WILEAG Governing Board, elections were conducted and changes made to various officer positions on the Board. It is both an honor and privilege to accept and announce my appointment to the position of President, and my pleasure to announce the appointment of Mike Jungbluth to the office of Vice-President. I feel confident speaking for Mike, when I say we are highly enthusiastic about the opportunity to play such an integral role in advancing the professionalism of law enforcement in the State. We look forward to working closely with the entire Governing Board and our many law enforcement partners in furthering this worthy cause. Most importantly, we invite you to join us in pursuing our goal of advancing professional policing throughout the State of Wisconsin.

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Board Member Profile

Erick V. Slamka, at-large member Board President, 1996 to 2009

Erick served on the South Milwaukee Police Department from 1964 until his retirement in 1997. He started as a patrol officer and worked his way up through the ranks becoming Chief in 1989. He was Director of the Milwaukee High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) from 1998 to 2008.

He was also an MP and a criminal investigator in the US Army and served in the US Coast Guard Reserve in port security.

Erick earned a BS in Criminal Justice from UW-Milwaukee and attended the Administrative Officers' Course at the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville.

He has been a lecturer in criminal justice courses at UW – Milwaukee, Marquette University, Milwaukee Area Technical College and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Training and Standards Bureau.

He was an officer in the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association and Police Executive Group. For the past 4 years he has served on the South Milwaukee Police and Fire Commission and is a past president.



Erick is a founding member of WILEAG and was instrumental in getting the fledgling organization off the ground and through some tumultuous times. He was also a CALEA assessor.

Under his leadership, the South Milwaukee Police Department was one of the first WILEAG accredited agencies. The department has maintained continuous accreditation to this day – testimony to how embedded accreditation is in the organization's culture.

Featured Agency: Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

Background:

The Waukesha Sheriff's Department is the largest law enforcement agency in Waukesha County and the third largest sheriff's department in the state with a proposed budget for 2010 exceeding 34 million dollars with over 81% of that amount for 350 FTE's. It provides direct law enforcement services for a population of approximately 90,000 and currently provides contracted law enforcement and transcription report typing for six communities.

It is the lead agency for the Waukesha County Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group and continues to be a member of the F.B.I. Joint Terrorism Task Force, U.S. Marshal Fugitive Task Force and F.B.I Cyber Crimes Task Force. It maintains highly trained specialty units such as Tactical Enforcement, Underwater Search and Recovery, Accident Reconstruction, K-9, D.A.R.E, School Resource, Boat and Snowmobile Patrols, Chaplain Corps, Jail C.E.R.T. and Crisis Intervention. In 1995, it opened a new addition to the main jail that provided five more housing units for a total capacity of 469 beds. Huber inmates are housed at a separate facility.

A Message From Waukesha County Sheriff Daniel J. Trawicki



I am pleased to be re-accredited by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group. The Waukesha County Sheriff's Department continues to be the only sheriff's department in the State to receive this distinguished honor. I encourage other agencies to look into this program. The group provides an independent evaluation of your department's operations along with a strict review of the department's policies and procedures. It is a tedious task but well worth the effort. I thank Lieutenant Michelle Larsuel and Deputy Dave Carpenter for all their work on this project. I would also like to thank the assessors sent from the accreditation group for their time and effort. They spent many hours pouring over our files and touring the department.

I am in my 30th year of continuous service to the citizens of Waukesha County and sixth year as Sheriff. I look forward to many more years of working with this group of employees who are dedicated and make the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department one of the finest in the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. Trawicki".

Daniel J. Trawicki
Waukesha County Sheriff

Editor's Note

Waukesha Sheriff's Department was the first agency to achieve WILEAG accreditation. Those with institutional or departmental memories can attest to the fact it was not easy. It was a perfect case of learning on the go for everyone involved. By contrast, the re-accreditation done this summer went smoothly, a testimony to the continuing growth and professionalism of both entities.

WILEAG Training News

Training in 2009 has been focused on 2 groups of people:

Assessors and Team Leaders: The training for these volunteers is conducted by WILEAG Staff. There were a number of training sessions to introduce the 3rd Edition Standards adopted in the fall of 2008 to existing Team Leaders and Assessors and to train new assessors on standards and the assessment process.

In May an Update Training Class was held for current assessors at the West Allis Police Department Sub-Station. Twelve were in attendance. The remaining Assessors will have attended subsequent similar training sessions in September and October.

In addition, a training class for new Assessors was held on September 15 also at the West Allis Police Department Sub-Station. This class consisted of 14 new Assessors and 4 current Assessors.

WILEAG is proud to have **30** Assessors and **3** Team Leaders at this time. Two current Assessors are also in training to become

Team Leaders, with several other people indicating interest in becoming a Team Leader in the future.

The WILEAG Governing Board and staff wish to thank Chief Michael Jungbluth and his staff for their cooperation and assistance in providing their training facility, AV set up, and hospitality for these training sessions.

Board Orientation: Given the number of new board member appointments over the past year, a ½ day orientation session was held covering the history of WILEAG, organizational structure, board and officer roles and responsibilities, budget and funding, an overview of the standards, a typical accreditation process from the perspective of assessors as well as agencies being assessed and relationships with other entities connected to accreditation.

Presentations were made by board members, staff and a representative of WI-PAC. As new board members are appointed from time-to-time, they will be provided with a similar orientation to “jump start” their effectiveness on the board.

Web Site Information

Check out the new website at **www.willeag.info** that was designed to keep you informed on most aspects of the State Accreditation process. If you have any recommendations, please forward them to the attention of Police Chief Michael Jungbluth at **mjungbluth@ci.west-allis.wi.us** .

What's On The Horizon

- Annual review of 1/3 of the standards
- Scheduled on-sites: 1 accreditation (West Allis– January 2010)
- Refinement of the board/committee process to better accomplish goals
- Development of a tiered approach to assist smaller agencies getting started
- Continued collaboration with WI-PAC
- Budget and funding for 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

WILEAG Board Mtg.
12/18/2009
Chief's Conference
2/15-2/17, 2010
Sheriff's Conference
2/7-2/10, 2010



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