

# **Plumsted to Pursue Police Accreditation**

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PLUMSTED — The Township may become just the 34th municipality in the state to have a police department meeting the standards established for the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation (NJSACOP) and Commission on the Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) national recognition standards. Township Committeeman Eric Sorchik, who retired with 27 years' experience in the New Jersey State Police, arranged for a presentation by the Rodgers Group LLC to the Township Committee to consider a proposal put forth by Col. Frank Rodgers (New Jersey State Police retired) for the Plumsted Police Department's accreditation, according to Mayor Ron Dancer. Among other benefits, attaining CALEA recognition and NJSACOP accreditation limits a police department's liability and risk exposure by demonstrating that internationally recognized standards for law enforcement have been met and independently verified. Additionally, with accreditation, the police department and township's liability insurance coverage premiums are significantly reduced for more taxpayer savings, Dancer said. Following the presentation by the Rodgers Group, the Township Committee authorized a public advertisement for the receipt of sealed bids from qualified consultants and professionals to coordinate, oversee and administer the process of securing NJSACOP accreditation and CALEA national recognition for the Plumsted Police Department.