

Delaware Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Earns State Recognition as an Accredited Police Agency

June 22, 2015 – Governor Jack A. Markell and Delaware Safety and Homeland Security Secretary Lewis Schiliro joined together to recognize the Delaware Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement (DATE) for earning State accreditation.

“DATE’s attainment of accreditation highlights its professionalism, dedication and exemplary commitment to the high standards in law enforcement,” said Gov. Markell. “Our State accreditation process raises the standards for our law enforcement agencies and sets the mark for excellence.”

DATE, led by Director John Yeomans, worked through a long and arduous process to meet more than 100 standards as required by the Delaware Police Accreditation Commission (DPAC). In 2008, DPAC was formed to develop State standards as it relates to technical support, operations support and training support for local police agencies. DATE is the fourth Delaware law enforcement agency to receive DPAC Accreditation.

“I am proud of Director Yoemans and his team for their dedication and commitment to excellence and for serving as an example to the many other police agencies statewide working toward accreditation,” said Schiliro, who is also the DPAC Chair. “This is the first such accreditation for this agency in its 80-plus year history.”

Updating the policies and operations of the Division to DPAC standards was an important goal when Director Yeomans was

appointed in 2011. The Division's policy manual has since been completely revised to meet DPAC standards.

"This process helped the Division measure current operations against established practices. The end result is a better agency that can carry out the important mission of serving the citizens of Delaware," said Director Yeomans. "We are honored and excited about this accomplishment."

The accreditation process is how a police agency voluntarily demonstrates how it meets professionally recognized criteria for excellence in management and service delivery. The accreditation award is granted for a three-year period during which time the Division must maintain annual records attesting to continued compliance with all applicable standards.



(L to R) Pictured are: Rep. Steve Smyk, Agent George Merrill, Agent Trey Moore, Lt. James Diana, Deputy Director Robert Kracyla, Agent Thomas Mason, Gov. Jack Markell, Director John Yeomans, Lt. Kevin Jones, Agent Daniel Duke, Agent Aaron Bonniwell, Rep. William Carson, Agent Michael Loiseau and DSHS Secretary Lewis D. Schiliro.

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