Current Accreditation Status

As of 12/02/2020, 36 of the 109 Standards required for the Accreditation process are not complete. When I was tasked with this process there were 36 policies that needed to have been written in order to meet the 109 standards. To date, I have drafted 15 of the 36 missing policies. Once the remaining policies have been drafted, I must then go back and review each existing policy that coincides with the appropriate standard. Each policy is required to meet every component of the aligning standard in order to be compliant for accreditation. It is important to note that each standard has its own set of components and requirements.

I have created a folder for each standard as required and have begun the process of filling the folders with supporting documents and copies of the department policies. Additionally, each folder is to contain a “Standard Compliance Report” that is to be filled out once all components of the standard have been met.

Many of the standards cannot be met at this time due to infrastructural requirements. I have started maintaining a list of items needing to be purchased or developed for accreditation standard compliance. One such example is a secure area that is fenced in and monitored for vehicle of investigatory value. A smaller ticket item would be a safe for securing prisoner property while they are being held at Police Headquarters. These are just two examples of changes that must be implemented in order to even begin the accreditation process.

Once all of the above has been completed and all standard components have been put into place, then the department may begin to apply for accreditation. I have also researched Lexipol at the request of Chief Poleway. With the use of Lexipol you can incorporate law enforcement accreditation standards into your policies, making the cross-reference process a one-time thing. Lexipol, is a policy management system which tags content sections that align with accreditation standards and highlights the specific policy language that corresponds to the standard. Additionally, it maintains records of any policy revisions and/or updates to the Operations Manual. An official price quote has been requested from Lexipol.