



# **POLICE**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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2016-018	The Wilton Manors Police Department has been Re-Accredited	06/27/16

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

***We are pleased to announce that as of June 2016 The Wilton Manors Police Department has been Re-ACCREDITED until 2019!***

(Wilton Manors, FL)- In April 2016 a team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) arrived at the Wilton Manors Police Department (WMPD) to examine all aspects of the Wilton Manors Police Department's policies, procedures, management, operations, and support services. The Wilton Manors Police Department had to comply with approximately 260 standards in order to receive accredited status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health, and safety issues. Once the Commission's assessors completed their review of WMPD, they reported back to the full Commission, which would then decide if the agency was to receive re-accredited status. Verification that WMPD meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain or maintain accreditation which is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

An Accreditation program has long been recognized as a means of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism. Indeed, it is a form of "best practices" that acts to protect both the police officers and the citizenship they are sworn to protect. Being accredited has proven to give a high return on investment because it protects taxpayer dollars by providing the most efficient use of staffing and equipment through the adoption and use of these "best practices." For WMPD, re-accreditation means that we have met the highest standards of our respective professions, but will continue to exceed those standards.

WMPD first attained Accreditation status in 2010 and in June 2013 WMPD was awarded its first re-accreditation status. The hard work and dedication of the men and women of WMPD was again awarded in June 2016 when WMPD was re-accredited for the next three years. The men and women

of WMPD are committed to providing professional public safety services to the Wilton Manors Community. The Accreditation status we have attained is a Badge of Excellence! For more information on the Florida Accreditation process WMPD encourages you to visit <http://www.wiltonmanors.com/index.aspx?NID=302> or [www.flaccreditation.org](http://www.flaccreditation.org).



Accreditation Award Presentation in Orlando, FL

From Left to right: CFA Executive Director Lori Mizell, WMPD Operations Commander Gary Blocker, WMPD Accreditation Coordinator Douglas Robertson, WMPD Chief of Police Paul O'Connell, WMPD Administration Manager Vincent Affanato, and Indian River County Sheriff Deryl Loar.

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