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Joint Insurance
Fund


South Jersey Communities Securing Their Future
 P. O. Box 530, Marlton, New Jersey 08053

TO: Member Police Chiefs
FROM: Paul A. Forlenza, Deputy Executive Director
DATE: March 12, 2012
RE: JIF Reimbursement - Police Accreditation Program

In 2003, the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL), in conjunction with the NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police announced a new Accreditation process for municipal police departments. To date, more than 200 agencies have begun the Accreditation process with approximately 70 having achieved Accreditation. Statewide, it is well documented that Accredited police departments have fewer claims.

The JIF recognizes the value that formal Police Accreditation programs have in reducing claims against members. To that end, we offer the following incentives:

- The JIF will reimburse 50% of the Accreditation Fee charged by the NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police to those JIF Police agencies who successfully complete the New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Program as well as 50% of your Re-Accreditation fees*.
- The MEL will provide a \$1,000 Grant to member agencies who successfully complete the New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Program as well as Re-Accreditation.
- Qualifying agencies are eligible for premium discounts from the MEL/JIF

The schedule of Fees eligible for reimbursement to date are outlined below:

| Number of Sworn Personnel | Accreditation Fee | JIF Reimbursement | MEL Reimbursement |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 01-09 | \$3,000 | \$1,500 | \$1,000 |
| 10-24 | \$4,000 | \$2,000 | \$1,000 |
| 25-99 | \$5,000 | \$2,500 | \$1,000 |
| 100-299 | \$6,000 | \$3,000 | \$1,000 |

***Re-Accreditation occurs three years after Accreditation. Re-Accreditation fees are paid annually and are one-third the regular accreditation fee.**

The program fees eligible for reimbursement do not include personnel costs, the costs of training, or the costs associated with the Mock or Actual On-Site Assessment as described in the NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police program.

In order to qualify for reimbursement under the program, participating agencies must notify this office at three points in time throughout the accreditation process:

1. When you apply, forward a copy of your NJSACOP Law Enforcement Accreditation Program application and your letter of acceptance into the program. This notifies us that you are working on the program.
2. When you schedule your NJSACOP Law Enforcement Accreditation Program On-Site Assessment.
3. When you receive your final report and approval from the NJSACOP Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission.

Send your notifications to:

Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
Police Accreditation Coordinator
PO Box 530
Marlton, New Jersey 08053

If you have any questions about the MEL/JIF reimbursement program please call Denise Plavchak at (856) 446-9131. If you have any questions about the Police Accreditation Program, please contact Harry J. Delgado, Accreditation Program Manager, N.J.S.A.C.O.P., at (856) 988-5880, hdelgado@njsacop.org or check out the N.J.S.A.C.O.P. website at www.NJSACOP.org.

cc: Fund Commissioners
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