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## CITY OF COVINGTON PRESS RELEASE

**RE:** Police Department receives Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation

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The Covington Police Department received Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation June 13, 2012.

"This has been a lengthy and involved process," said Interim Police Chief Spike Jones.

"We are pleased with the outcome as it speaks volumes as to the level of dedication and commitment of our men and women of the City's police service," said Jones.

"Covington is a very safe city," said Mayor Chuck Scheper. "I am proud of our officers. They are dedicated professionals, and this accreditation verifies their professionalism."

"Our Covington police officers are the best," said City Manager Larry Klein. "We strive for excellence, and our men and women who serve in the Police Department face the potential for dangerous confrontation on a regular basis. Accreditation is important, and indicative of their skill level and training."

The City's policing practices and policies are reviewed, scrutinized and compared to best practices as determined by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police ("KACP").

Various categories of police operation policies and procedure were reviewed.

A physical inspection of the Police Department facilities was conducted.

Individual officers were selected on a random basis. They were questioned about their knowledge of policing procedures. Their vehicles and equipment were inspected.

Captain Rob Nader compiled and reviewed policy and procedure manuals. He served as "accreditation manager" to facilitate the ultimate goal of accreditation.

"The KACP executive director indicated that the City's policy and procedures were some of the best he has seen," said Jones.

Civilian Crime Lab Technicians Dawn Bayless, Angie Keller and Kim Newman played an integral role in preparing the Crime Lab for inspection.

Records Section clerks assisting included Anita Schaeffer, Michelle Robinson Wilson and Tracy Wietholter who spearheaded preparing documents for review.

Policies and procedures are under review year-round, said Jones.

“We are proud of this accomplishment,” he said.