



## TOWN OF EAST TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### MEDIA ADVISORY / PRESS RELEASE

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Chief Don P. Jensen Sr. is pleased to announce that the Town of East Troy Police Department obtained the credentials from the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) certifying the agency's use of force policy required is in compliance with U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) standards to be eligible to receive discretionary federal grants for the next three years.

Beginning this year, only those law enforcement agencies who meet certain standards from a designated independent credentialing body will be eligible for the DOJ Grants funds.

Chief Jensen stated "Our comprehensive use of force policy has been independently reviewed by a Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) assessor and it has been confirmed that we follow all state, local, and federal laws. Additionally, they confirmed that our policy prohibits the use of choke holds, except in those situations where the use of deadly force is allowed by law. This use of force policy certification demonstrates that we continually promote law enforcement excellence."

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### WISCONSIN LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION GROUP Challenging Wisconsin's Law Enforcement Agencies to Pursue Excellence

U.S. Department of Justice's Standards for Certification on Safe Policing for Communities.

January 6, 2021

Dear Chief Don Jensen,

On behalf of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group, this letter confirms we are certifying that the Town of East Troy Police Department meets certain eligibility requirements, set forth by the U.S. Department of Justice, for discretionary federal grants. The Town of East Troy Police Department is qualified to receive federal grants for three years from the date of this letter.

Pursuant to Section 2 of the Presidential Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, dated June 16, 2020, Executive Order No. 13929 (the "Executive Order on Safe Policing"), the U.S. Department of Justice's discretionary grant funding is only available to state, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies that have obtained (or are in the process of seeking) credentials certifying that they meet certain standards on use of force. The Executive Order on Safe Policing

empowers the U.S. Attorney General to designate independent credentialing bodies — including the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group — to certify that a law enforcement agency meets the conditions of eligibility for federal grants.

Following our review, we have determined that the Town of East Troy Police Department meets the mandatory conditions for certification. Accordingly, the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group will include your agency going forward within our database of certified law enforcement agencies. On or before January 31st of each year, we will provide the name of each certified law enforcement agency to the Director of the COPS Office.

Respectfully,

Chief Mark Ferguson, Glendale Police Department  
President, Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group

For additional information contact Chief Jensen at 262-642-3700

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