



VILLAGE OF ROSCOE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

10595 Main Street
P.O. Box 312
Roscoe, IL 61073
Phone (815) 623-7338
Fax (815) 623-7254

Jamie Evans
Chief of Police

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 12, 2020

State of Illinois Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

A team from the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) will be at the Roscoe Police Department on October 19th, and October 20th to determine if the Roscoe Police Department should receive Tier Level 1 accreditation.

The police department will be judged on the basis of 67 separate ILEAP standards regarding administration, operations, personnel, and training. The department has been revising its policies and procedures in order to meet the standards set by ILEAP. In order to complete the accreditation process, the policies, and procedures must not only reflect the standards established by ILEAP, all files developed must demonstrate and provide validation that the department is following all mandated ILEAP policies and procedures.

Accreditation will demonstrate the agency has achieved a level of professionalism among our law enforcement peers and validates the methods of service our members provide to the community in which they serve. In addition to improving our relationship with the Roscoe community, accreditation improves accountability while limiting liability and risk exposure.

In order to complete the process, three ILEAP assessors will conduct an on-site assessment of the Roscoe Police Department. The Assessors are: Lieutenant Jeff Hamer of the Macomb Police Department, Lt. Joel Givens and Officer Jeffrey Oberts of the Rockford Police Department. Agency personnel, elected officials, and members of the community are invited to offer comments during a public information call-in session on October 20, 2020, between the hours of 09:00 am – 10:30 am at (815) 623-7338. Telephone comments are limited to 5 minutes and must address the department's ability to meet the ILEAP accreditation standards.

Assessors Biographies

Lt. Jeff Hamer

Macomb Police Department

120 S. McArthur St.

Macomb, IL 61455

309-833-4505 ext 8116

jhamer@macombpolice.com

Personal Cell

309-333-0684

Jeff Hamer is in his 19th year at Macomb Police Department. Hamer has functioned in many roles within the department. Hamer was an FTO and Verbal Judo Instructor. When Hamer was a Sergeant he supervised first shift patrol activities and took on several technology projects ranging from in car computers and video to social media and a web presence. As a Lieutenant, Hamer's duties involve supervising the first shift patrol officers, ILEAP Accreditation Manager, and functioned as the Tactical Commander for the multi-agency Strategic Response Team (SRT).

Hamer has BS in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration from Western Illinois University as well as a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership from Lewis University. Hamer is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command (323rd).

Hamer is also the ILEAP Coordinator for the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. In this role, Hamer coordinates the accreditation process for accredited agencies as well as departments preparing to become accredited.

Lt. Joel A. Givens (Leadership and Staff Development)
Rockford Police Department
Rockford IL.
Joel.Givens@RockfordIL.Gov
Office: 779-500-6456
Duty Cell: 779-200-1884

Self-motivated Lieutenant in charge of Recruitment, Training, and Department Accreditation utilizing proven leadership and organizational skills. Experienced Management and Administration Professional with over 20 years of experience. Coordinate yearly training for 293 sworn officers, and 43 civilian employees. Responsible for overseeing the newly hired officers through the completion of their Field Training. Responsible for all department general orders which guide officer's day to day operations. Highly dependable, ethical and reliable leader that blends advanced organizational and technical skills. I effectively work with cross-functional teams in ensuring operational and service excellence. I am a veteran of the United State's Air Force. I have received a Bachelor of Arts - Criminal Justice Management, 12/2005 Judson University - Elgin, IL (Dean's List). I am a graduate of Northwestern University Center of Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command 01/17 – 05/17.

Officer Jeff Oberts
Rockford Police Department
557 S. New Towne Dr.
Rockford, IL 61108
779-500-6821
Jeffrey.oberts@rockfordil.gov

Jeff Oberts is a lifelong resident of the Rockford area where he attended East High School. After graduation, he went on to attend Rock Valley College and then Rockford University. In March of 2000, Jeff started his career at the Rockford Police Department. Upon completion of the Illinois State Police Academy, Jeff worked as a patrol officer for many years. Following that, he entered the RPD School Liaison Unit where he became an ALICE (*Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate*) instructor and trained hundreds of teachers, city employees, and businesses in the steps to take in active shooter incidents. In 2006, Jeff became an operator in the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System Mutual Aid and Emergency Response Team. And lastly, in August of 2018, Jeff was transferred to the Training/Recruiting/Accreditation Unit of the Rockford Police Department, where he currently works as an ILEAP Accreditation Manager, and assists in training and recruiting.