



## TEMPLE TERRACE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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## POLICE TO BE RECOMMENDED FOR ACCREDITATION

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL – 3/11/11) – The Temple Terrace Police Department passed an intense three-day assessment this week and will be recommended for statewide accreditation, officials said Friday.

Assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. gave the department high marks after conducting three days of interviews, inspecting records, studying procedures and protocols, riding with police officers, reviewing crime-scene operations and completing other activities. The assessment was intended to determine whether the department meets the qualifications and standards for statewide accreditation. The three assessors wrapped up their work Friday.

“It was as good an assessment as you can hope for,” Police Chief Ken Albano said Friday afternoon. “We had zero compliance issues. Everything they looked at was superb.”

Accreditation establishes a framework for police departments to maximize efficiency, provide standards of excellence, streamline performance and reduce liability. It assures a community that its police department performs at the highest level of professionalism. The Temple Terrace Police Department spent 18 months and countless hours preparing for this week’s assessment.

“We’re ecstatic,” said Cpl. Mike Hensel after the assessors finished their review. “They said it was a pleasure to come here and do an assessment. They talked about how professional and community-minded our department is. It’s something we can all be proud of.”

City Manager Kim Leinbach said the assessors gave the department thumbs-up “across the board.”

“It was a superb review,” he said. “I was impressed.”

The assessors will complete their report and submit it to the Commission, recommending approval for accreditation, Hensel said. The Commission will meet in Bonita Springs in June, where members will vote whether to issue the Temple Terrace Police Department a *Certificate of Accreditation*.

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