

Delaware State Police Becomes the First State Police Agency to Complete IACP Trust Building Campaign

The Delaware State Police (DSP) is proud to announce that it is the first state police agency in the country to successfully complete the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Trust Building Campaign.

The Trust Building Campaign is an initiative created by the IACP, the world's largest and most influential professional association for police leaders, to build trust and cooperation between law enforcement and the communities they serve. By joining the campaign, agencies pledge to adopt 25 key policies and best practices aimed at improving transparency, accountability, and community engagement over a 36-month period.

Under the leadership of Colonel William D. Crotty, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, the agency committed to the IACP Trust Building Campaign to strengthen DSP's long-standing dedication to integrity, professionalism, and public service.

"Our mission has always centered on service and accountability," said Colonel William D. Crotty. "Completing the Trust Building Campaign reaffirms that commitment by ensuring our policies and practices align with the values of our communities."

DSP completed all 25 key practices ahead of schedule, emphasizing six vital areas of modern policing: **bias-free policing, use of force, leadership and culture, recruitment and retention, victim services, and community relations.**

Through this effort, the agency improved its employee wellness programs, expanded its victim services outreach, and increased opportunities for community involvement and feedback.

“Without trust and transparency, police cannot effectively interact with their communities, carry out investigations, or prevent crimes,” said David Rausch, President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. “The IACP is encouraged by the steps agencies like the Delaware State Police are taking in their own jurisdictions that demonstrate their commitment to community-oriented policing, which elevates the profession as a whole.”

The DSP received official recognition and a certificate of completion from the IACP, indicating that it has fulfilled all campaign requirements and shown measurable progress in promoting trust and transparency.

For more information about the IACP Trust Building Campaign, visit <https://www.theiacp.org/iacp-trust-building-campaign>.