



# NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Niles Police Department Awarded ILEAP Tier II Accreditation

**Niles, IL** – Chief Luis C. Tigera and the Niles Police Department are proud to announce the achievement of full accreditation at the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation (ILEAP) Tier II level. Niles Police Department achieved Tier I accreditation in September 2019. Tier II is the highest level of accreditation granted by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) is the ongoing process in which law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Illinois evaluate policy and procedures against the 180 established standards of ILEAP Tier II accreditation. The Niles Police Department assessment included days of file review prior to arrival, department tours, vehicle inspections, multiple interviews, ride-alongs, and an exit interview over the course of two days. Niles Police Department was in compliance with all 180 standards and the accreditation is valid for four years.

During this process, there were false allegations of misconduct by a former member of the Niles Police Department surrounding a call for service at a McDonald's drive-thru on February 28, 2021. This incident was thoroughly reviewed by a third party law firm, which cleared NPD of any wrongdoing in June 2021. In addition, this incident was also thoroughly reviewed by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, who declined to file criminal charges against any member involved with the call for service (see attached letter).

The achievement of Tier II accreditation reinforces the Niles Police Department's commitment to serve our community, commitment to transparency and accountability, and is a testament to the professionalism and integrity of the men and women of NPD.

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