

**NEW MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COUNCIL**

BYLAWS



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ARTICLE 1

NAME

The name of this Council shall be: New Mexico Law Enforcement Professional Standards Council (LEPSC)

ARTICLE II

AUTHORITY

The members of the NM Law Enforcement Professional Council are appointed by the president of the NM Association of Chiefs of Police with the Sheriff's representatives being appointed by the Executive Director of the NM Association of Counties. The LEPSC is supported by the NM Association of Chiefs of Police, NM Municipal League and the NM Association of Counties.

ARTICLE III

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this council is to oversee the New Mexico Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. To accomplish this, the LEPSC will:

- The LEPSC shall approve the NM Law Enforcement Professional Standards and ensure that they are subject to on-going revision as legal precedents, existing law enforcement issues, needs and capabilities changes.
- The LEPSC shall recommend and approve rules and regulation establishing an accreditation process that encourages and provides law enforcement agencies with voluntary opportunities to demonstrate that they meet the standards adopted by the LEPSC.
- The Accreditation process shall be non-adversarial in nature and shall actively promote cooperation of the LEPSC staff and assessors with participating Law Enforcement Agencies.
- Nothing in the performance of the LEPSC duties shall limit or be construed as limiting the power of a law enforcement agency , or other agency or department of any city or county to enact rules and regulation which establish higher standards than required by the accreditation process.

ARTICLE IV

RULES OF ORDER

Any questions coming before the meeting for which no provision has been made in the By-Laws shall be governed by the rules laid down in "Robert's Rules of Order."

ARTICLE V

LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COUNCIL

The New Mexico Law Enforcement Professional Standards Council shall be composed of the following voting members:

1. Chair
The current President of the NM Association of Chiefs of Police or his/her designee.
2. Five (5) Members of the NM Association of Chiefs of Police appointed by the Chair, to include the immediate past Professional Standards Council (PSC) Chair. In the event the Chair or his/her designee, are unable to attend a meeting, the immediate past Chair will act as the de facto Vice Chair. Should circumstances exist where the past Chair is no longer a board member, the Chair shall appoint a Board Member to act in this capacity in his/her absence.
 - i. All board members shall serve a two (2) year staggered term with the exception of the position of past Chair. Upon appointment of a new Chair, the past Chair will become a board member and de facto Vice Chair.
3. Two Sheriff's representatives appointed by the Executive Director of the NM Association of Counties.
 - i. All board members shall serve a two (2) year staggered term.
4. Executive Director of the NM Municipal League or his/her designee.
 - i. Standing Member – no term limit
5. Executive Director of the NM Association of Counties or his/her designee.
 - i. Standing Member – no term limit

If a vacancy occurs within the council, the council shall solicit a new member, with the composition to remain the same. The new member will fulfill the term created by the vacancy. A Council member with two or more absences from a Council Meeting in a one year period may be subject to removal at the Council's discretion.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES

The Council members shall perform the following duties:

- The immediate past Professional Standards Council Chair will be by de facto the Vice Chair of the council. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall act as chairperson of the Council. If both the Chair & the Vice Chair cannot attend, the Chair may appoint a voting member to preside over the meeting.
- Review and take action on Council By-law changes.
- Review the activities of the program staff and provide direction to the Executive Director of the NMML or the NMAC.
- Approve or disapprove program accreditation applicants.
- Make Final determination on Waiver of standards.
- Approve or disapprove accreditation program assessors upon recommendation of program staff.
- Review any and all documentation related to facility assessment.
- Review the assessors' written findings and recommendation resulting from a facility assessment and approval or disapprove accreditation status.
- Review accredited facilities annual report and make determinations of compliance or non-compliance with applicable program standards.
- Review and approve or disapprove reaccreditation applications.
- Suspend or revoke a law enforcement agency accreditation for disregarding applicable standards or committing serious violations of programs rules and regulations.
- The council will meet quarterly or as needed.

The Program manager shall perform the following duties:

- Program manager will provide a quarterly and annual report to the Local Government Accreditation Director and the Executive Directors of the NM Municipal League and the NM Association of Counties.
- Council may request Program manager to do on-site visits to verify compliance of Accredited Agency's.
- Program manager along with Accreditation Assistant will make sure each Agency submits a Yearly Certification Report.

- Program manager along with Accreditation Assistant will distribute any New Standards to all Agency's and verify compliance.

ARTICLE VII

EFFECTIVE DATE

These By-Laws shall become effective after adoption by a majority of the Council.

ADOPTED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COUNCIL THIS 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2016, AT THE NMML OFFICE.