



**TO:** Member Police Chiefs  
**FROM:** Denise C. Plavchak, Office Services Manager  
**DATE:** January 25, 2024  
**RE:** JIF Reimbursement - Police Accreditation Program

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In 2003, the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL), in conjunction with the NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police announced a new Accreditation process for municipal police departments. To date, more than 150 agencies have achieved Accreditation. Nationally, it is well documented that Accredited police departments have fewer claims.

The JIF recognizes the value that formal Police Accreditation programs have in reducing claims against members. To that end, the JIF offers the following incentives:

- The JIF will reimburse 50% of the Accreditation Fee charged by the NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police to those JIF Police agencies who successfully complete the New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Program as well as 50% of your Re-Accreditation fees\*.
- The MEL will provide a \$1,000 Grant to member agencies who successfully complete the New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Program as well as Re-Accreditation.
- Qualifying agencies are eligible for premium discounts from the MEL JIF.

The schedule of Fees eligible for reimbursement to date are outlined below:

Number of Sworn Personnel	Accreditation Fee	JIF Reimbursement	MEL Reimbursement
01-09	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$1,000
10-24	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
25-99	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000
100-299	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$1,000
300-499	\$7,000	\$3,500	\$1,000
500 +	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$1,000

**\*Re-Accreditation occurs three years after Accreditation. Re-Accreditation fees are paid annually and are one-third the regular accreditation fee. Re-Accreditation fees are also eligible for reimbursement after re-accreditation is achieved.**

The program fees eligible for reimbursement do not include personnel costs, the costs of training, or the costs associated with the Mock or Actual On-Site Assessment as described in the NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police program.

In order to qualify for reimbursement under the program, participating agencies must notify this office at three points in time throughout the accreditation process:

1. When you apply, forward a copy of your NJSACOP Law Enforcement Accreditation Program application and your letter of acceptance into the program. This notifies us that you are working on the program.
2. When you schedule your NJSACOP Law Enforcement Accreditation Program On-Site Assessment.
3. When you receive your final report and approval from the NJSACOP Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission.

Send your notifications to:

Municipal Joint Insurance Fund  
Police Accreditation Coordinator  
PO Box 530  
Marlton, New Jersey 08053

**NEW: Because many police agencies do not have adequate resources to dedicate to the accreditation process, and due to the fact that a large portion of the work is administrative in nature, the JIF has authorized a program to reimburse qualifying agencies for the cost of a college intern to assist in the administrative work of maintaining accreditation records and typing polices for review and modification by the chief or his/her designee. Contact our office if you are interested in taking advantage of this program.**

If you have any questions about the MEL/JIF reimbursement program please call Denise Plavchak at (856) 446-9131. If you have any questions about the Police Accreditation Program, please contact Harry J. Delgado, Accreditation Program Manager, N.J.S.A.C.O.P., at (856) 988-5880, [hdelgado@njsacop.org](mailto:hdelgado@njsacop.org) or check out the N.J.S.A.C.O.P. website at [www.NJSACOP.org](http://www.NJSACOP.org).

cc: Risk Management Consultants

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