

It is with great pride that Chief of Police Jeffry Cossette announces that effective May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 the City of Meriden Police Department has been officially recognized as a TIER One Accredited Law Enforcement Agency by the State of Connecticut Police Officers Standards and Training Council.

The Police Officers Standards and Training Council inspection team conducted an on-site assessment of the Meriden Police Department on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. During this very thorough assessment all TIER I files were reviewed. TIER I Accreditation primarily focuses on high liability areas of police work. Of the 124 files contained within TIER I 123 were found to be in compliance while 1 was not applicable.

Chief Jeffry Cossette has made professional standards an agency priority. Under Chief Cossette's leadership the Meriden Police Department has made significant inroads in terms of policy development and revision. The accreditation process was a yearlong endeavor of intense work and research. The Meriden Police Department is very proud of this achievement. The citizens of Meriden should also feel a sense of pride knowing that their police department is one of few to achieve this status.

In three year's time the Meriden Police Department will take part in reaccreditation to ensure that the professional standards issued by the Police Officers Training and Standards Council are adhered to. Anyone with any questions regarding the accreditation process should contact Lieutenant Salvatore J. Nesci at [snesci@meridenct.gov](mailto:snesci@meridenct.gov)