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### **South Kingstown Police Department Awarded Accreditation**

The South Kingstown Police Department today announced that it has been accredited by the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission (RIPAC).

“I’m so proud of the men and women of our department and the work they have put in to achieve this goal,” said Matthew C. Moynihan, Chief of Police. “A high-performing police department lives these standards every day and our department has excelled in demonstrating our commitment to best practices.”

RIPAC has 230 standards that a department must meet to achieve accreditation. The department will be reassessed in three years and must maintain the standards during that time to be reaccredited in 2028. The department failed its previous reaccreditation when it failed to meet standards from 2020, 2021 and 2022.

“Congratulations to Chief Moynihan and the South Kingstown Police Department for this accomplishment,” said Rory McEntee, President of the South Kingstown Town Council. “This achievement sends a strong message to our residents and lets them know that they have high-quality public safety professionals on the job.”

“The benefits of accreditation are numerous,” said James M. Manni, Town Manager. “It signifies that our police department is operating by a rigorous set of standards and that they can demonstrate how those standards are part of their work every day. Importantly, RIPAC accreditation can help reduce insurance costs.”

Chief Moynihan added, “I especially want to thank Captain Mark Sgalia for raising his hand when we began this process and for putting his head and his heart into this effort. He pulled everyone together and made sure that all the work was done perfectly.”

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Left to right: Matthew Benson, Cumberland Police Chief and RIPAC Chair, Chief Matthew C. Moynihan, Deputy Chief Alfred Bucco, Captain Mark Sgalia, Lieutenant Michael Sousa