



PENNSYLVANIA CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION



THE PENNSYLVANIA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

Accreditation Program Updates (2026)

attendees



- **Accreditation Managers**
- **Assessors**



- PLEAC Accreditation Key Points for 2026
- Simple Notes – Clarifications for 2026
- Standards Updates for 2026

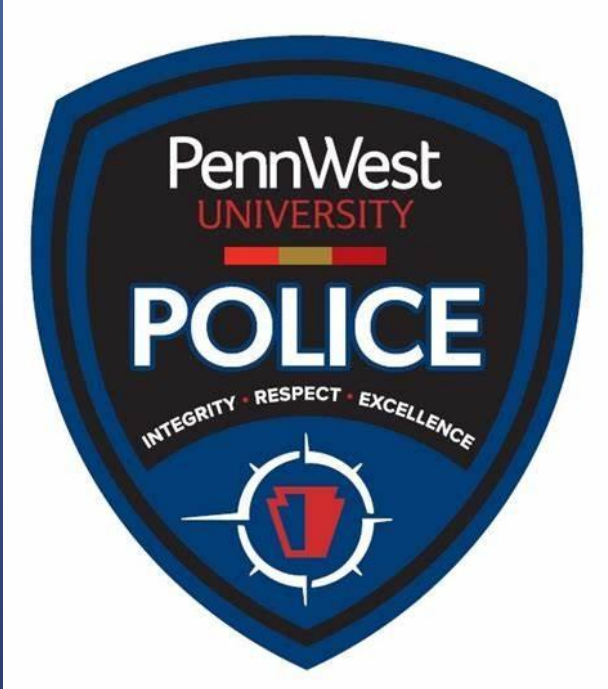
WHAT WILL YOU LEARN TODAY

**WHO
ARE WE?**



INSTRUCTOR

- David Madrak
 - Upper Dublin Township Police Department
 - Corporal
 - ✓ Accreditation Manager
 - Pennsylvania Police Accreditation Coalition
 - President
 - Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (2018-2025)
 - Assessor
 - Instructor
 - Member
 - ✓ Standards Committee (Former)
 - ❖ Chairperson



INSTRUCTOR

- Jason Hendershot
 - PennWest University - Clarion
 - Chief of Police
 - ✓ Accreditation Manager
 - Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission
 - Assessor
 - Instructor
 - Member
 - ✓ Assessor Committee (Former)
 - ❖ Chairperson
 - ✓ Standards Committee (Current)
 - ❖ Chairperson



INSTRUCTOR

- Leon Crone
 - Lower Allen Township Police Department
 - Captain, Retired
 - ✓ Former Accreditation Manager
 - Pennsylvania Police Accreditation Coalition
 - Former President
 - Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (2011-2025)
 - Assessor
 - Instructor
 - Member
 - ✓ Standards Committee (Former)
 - ❖ Chairperson



**ABOUT
ACCREDITATION**



PLEAC ACCREDITATION KEY POINTS FOR 2026



**IMPORTANT
REMINDER**

Policy

- Only the most recent policy is required to be presented in the accreditation assessment; the previous version must be available upon request.

NOTES

Conversations Matter

**INTERPRETATION OF A STANDARD &
THE USE OF A PARTICULAR PROOF OF
COMPLIANCE**

➤ Standard

- Policy

- ✓ Proofs of Compliance

- ▶ Must demonstrate compliance with the standard, unless agency policy is more restrictive, in which case the policy requirement must be proved

WHAT DOES MY AGENCY HAVE TO PROVE?

COMMON SENSE

PowerDMS[®]

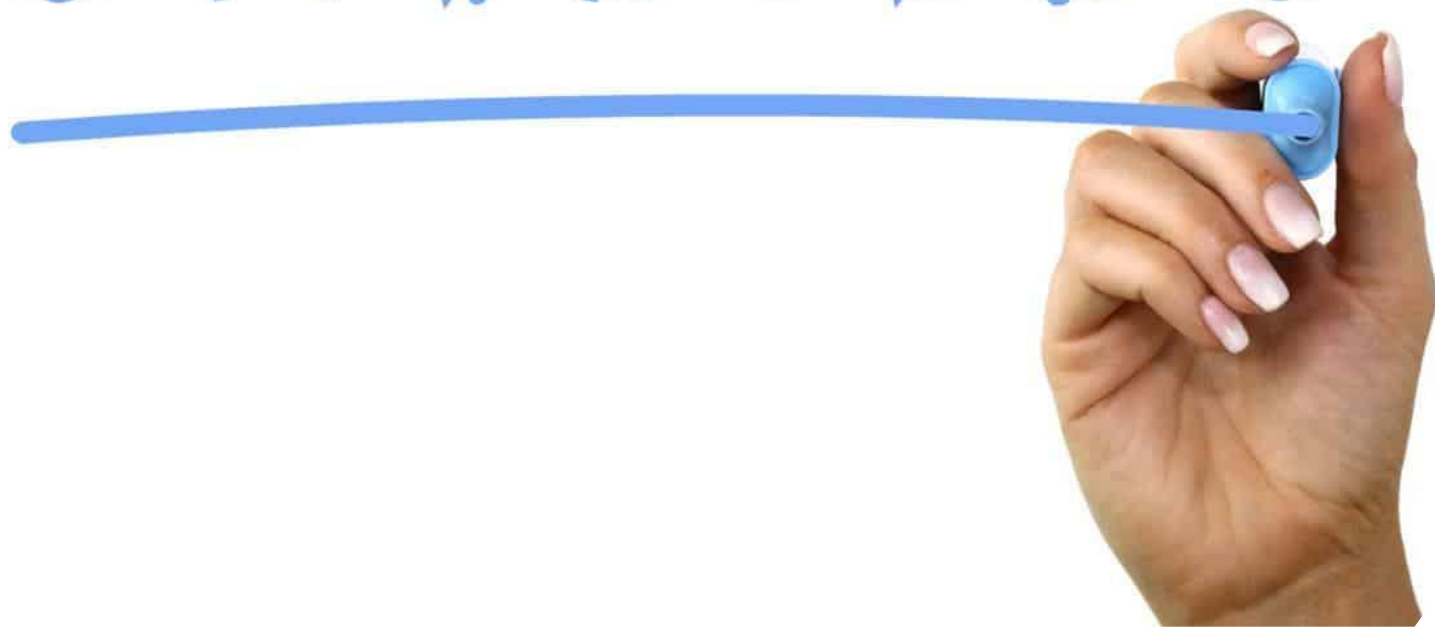


➤ Resource Library

- Bylaws
- Forms
- Manuals
- PLEAC Conference
- PowerDMS Materials
- Sample Assessments

CONTENT HUB

STANDARDS

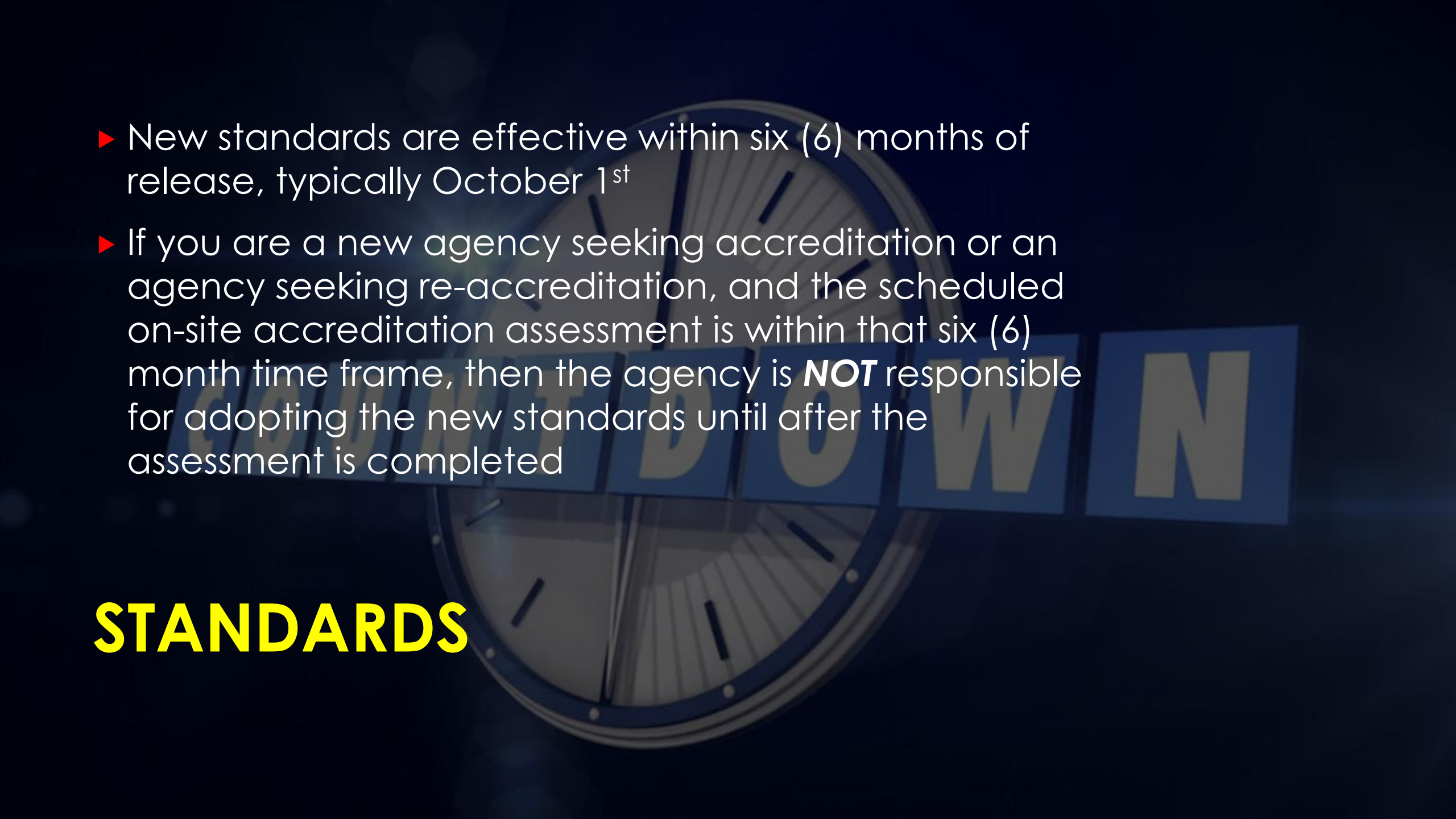


CLARIFICATION



SIMPLE NOTES



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- ▶ New standards are effective within six (6) months of release, typically October 1st
 - ▶ If you are a new agency seeking accreditation or an agency seeking re-accreditation, and the scheduled on-site accreditation assessment is within that six (6) month time frame, then the agency is **NOT** responsible for adopting the new standards until after the assessment is completed

STANDARDS



THE BIG
REVEAL!

2027

WHAT TO EXPECT

➤ The following will be reviewed and evaluated:

- Act 18
- Etrace
- Fingerprinting
- PCCD – Juvenile Holding
- Property & Evidence Control

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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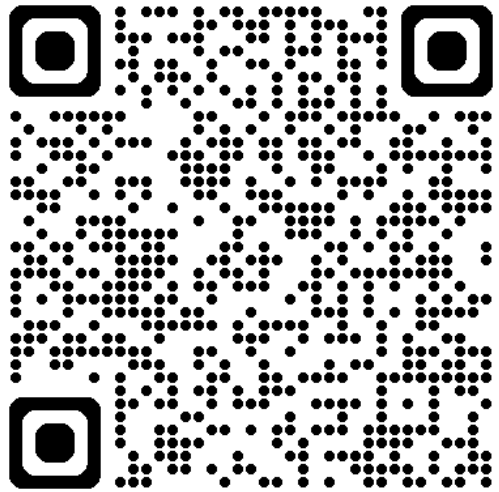
YEARLY REVIEW

- Standards and their subsequent requirements are reviewed, revised, and in some cases reinterpreted for clarification every year, though sometimes more often.
 - How do you find out?
 - Content Hub
 - Pennsylvania Police Accreditation Coalition



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FINAL THOUGHTS



ANY

QUESTIONS

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