



# Village of Algonquin

## Police Department



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Over the past 10 days I have received several emails and phone calls to inquire on the stance of the Algonquin Police Department in regards to the murder of George Floyd. Further holding the Algonquin Police Department accountable and asking us the questions to ensure that we are not only preparing, but requiring our Officers to treat every citizen equally. I thank you for reaching out and I want to take a moment to share the steps that The Algonquin Police Department takes to not only meet, but exceed those standards.

The Algonquin Police Department is accredited through the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) by the Illinois Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council. I am pleased to share that we have held this Accreditation since 2013, and this is an ongoing process that we value and strive to maintain. In addition to holding ILEAP Certification, the members of the Algonquin Police Department are required to complete mandated training as required by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB). I am pleased to say that not only do our officers take the “required classes” we allow and encourage officers to receive training in a variety of topics.

Training is key in any law enforcement agency. Training provides the tools, awareness and mindset to prepare our officers to deal with any encounter they may face. We encourage our officers to not only take the required training, but to search out and attend trainings that they believe will better them as an officer. Officers receive training in Civil Rights, Human Rights, Cultural Competency, Mental Health, Autism Awareness use of force, and a variety of additional topics. The Algonquin police department has adopted the Ten Shared Principles developed by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the Illinois NAACP. This training and the standards set by the Algonquin Police Department are the reason for our success and the great relationship that the department has with the community members.

On a personal note, I have been in law enforcement for over 20 years, the last five as the Chief of the Algonquin Police Department. The promise that I made when I was sworn in as Chief was that every decision I make will be best for the organization. The organization is not in the four walls of the Algonquin Police Department – it is the Village of Algonquin in its entirety. It is the Community members, the business owners, and the visitors to Algonquin. I, like every member of the Police Department, take a lot of pride in our Police Department and the Village of Algonquin.

I want to thank those that have reached out to me and for the conversations that we have had. I am a firm believer that we learn something new every day – you just have to be willing to listen.

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