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Mesa Police Continuously Working to Enhancing Trust

Mesa, AZ— The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the world's largest and most influential professional association for police leaders, has an initiative called the Trust Building Campaign. Law enforcement agencies everywhere are encouraged to participate in the campaign. To join the Trust Building Campaign, law enforcement agencies must pledge to implement 25 key policies and leading practices within a 36-month period. The Mesa Police Department is pleased to announce that prior to even learning about the IACP's initiative, the department had already completed all 25 key policies and leading practices as part of our ongoing commitment to the community we serve.

"Joining the Trust Building Campaign was a clear choice for us at the Mesa Police Department," says Chief Ken Cost. "By standing behind this pledge, we are demonstrating our continued commitment to transparency, accountability, and open communication, which are essential to building and maintaining the public's trust."

By proactively completing the Trust Building Campaign Pledge requirements, the Mesa Police Department established policies and trainings, conducted assessments, and developed strategies within six focus areas (Bias-Free Policing; Use of Force; Leadership and Culture; Recruitment, Hiring, and Retention; Victim Services; and Community Relations) designed to encourage positive community-police partnerships that promote safe, effective interactions, create strategies to prevent and reduce crime, and improve the wellbeing and quality of life for all.

For more information about the Trust Building Campaign, visit the IACP's website at:

<https://www.theiacp.org/iacp-trust-building-campaign>

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