Assessor/Peer Update

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The Ohio Collaborative begins its second year and I wanted to update you on a number of items.

1. **Three new standards apply for 2017.** The new standards are effective March 2017 and cover:
   - Community Policing
   - Body Worn Cameras
   - Tele-communicators

   The community-policing standard will apply to all agencies, however, the application of the Body Worn Cameras and Tele-communicator standards will depend on the individual agency. An article will be sent to all OACP member clarifying how the standards apply and a copy of that article is attached.

2. **Annual testing for Hiring and Recruiting is no longer required** as a part of the Hiring and Recruiting Standard. This was a confusing requirement as only a few individuals are involved in this process. Those individuals involved in the hiring process will be asked to review the policy annually.

3. **The Police Community Activities form is being discontinued.** This form was used to obtain positive information on agencies and their communities. This information has been used for articles which have been posted on both the OACP and OCJS websites. Since this information will now be gathered as a part of the Community Policing standard, we will discontinue requesting this form.

4. **The question of IACP dues has come up**. Agencies that received IACP membership as a part of the Ohio Collaborative can continue to receive that service paid by OCJS as long as they are a member in good standing with the Ohio Collaborative. If you have a renewal fee notice, please send it to Carol Ellensohn at OCJS and she will pay for the renewal.

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5. **The next Ohio Collaborative meeting is February 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad St., Columbus**. It is expected that a new standard for Bias-Free Policing will be discussed. If approved, this new standard will not go into effect until 2018.

6. Assessor and Peer activity is picking up as we approach the March 1 date for compliance with the first two standards**. Please note, after March 1, I will revise our forms and reports to include the three new standards.**

7. **A brochure has been developed by OCJS to explain the Collaborative.** I have attached a copy of this brochure. Key points in the brochure include:
   - The re-certification period has been changed from three to four years.
   - No more than three new standards will be introduced per year.
   - For certified agencies, documentation is only required for the new standards. The information will be submitted to OCJS in year one and then retained in agency files for subsequent years. An on-site review will be completed in year four to verify that all standards are current and have been complied with over time.
   - The brochure includes a helpful schedule for timing based on when agencies are certified and for which standards.

8. **1099's were sent two weeks ago to all assessors who were paid $650 or more in 2016**. If you are under the $650 threshold and need payment information, please contact me.

9. **I am available to speak at District Meetings and County Chief Meetings.** A lot has changed in the past year. You are all in your communities so please communicate that I am able to attend meetings to provide an update on the Ohio Collaborative.

10. **Thank-you.** I just completed the fourth quarter review of the Ohio Collaborative. During the quarter, OACP completed 87 assignments. Assessor assignments were completed in an average of 20.7 days. All of you continue to do an excellent job. Thank you for your commitment to police professionalism and excellence.