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As we approach the new year, we are releasing important information about upcoming changes to the **Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP)**. Due to rising costs and in an effort to make ILEAP self-sustaining, we will be implementing a slight increase in fees, effective Jan. 1, 2025. This adjustment will apply only to agencies beginning the accreditation process in the new year. The new fee structure will be as follows:

Tier I:

Initial Start-Up Cost - \$1,500
Annual Fee Starting in Year 2 - \$500

Tier II:

Initial Start-Up Cost - \$3,000
Annual Fee Starting in Year 2 - \$1,000

If an agency chooses to upgrade from Tier I to Tier II, the only additional payment required will be the difference between the two initial start-up costs (\$1,500), payable in the year the change is made.

Agencies that applied for or received accreditation or reaccreditation **before Jan. 1, 2025**, will begin paying the new annual fees during the year of their next reaccreditation.

Please note that payment of the accreditation initial start-up cost must be paid at the time of application and prior the process beginning. Once the initial start-up payment is received, both the department and the assessors will work diligently to complete the assessment within one year with up to (1) six-month extension be granted.

We are proud of all the hard work Illinois law enforcement agencies have done to accomplish accreditation and look forward to continuing to support their drive to maintain the highest professional standards for their department.