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ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

(City/County, State/Province, Date)—A site-based assessment team from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), will arrive (date) to examine all aspects of the (agency name) policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services, (agency’s chief executive officer) announced today.

Verification by the team that (agency name) meets the Commission’s state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation—a highly prized recognition of public safety professional excellence, (he/she) said. As part of the assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on (date) at (time). The session will be conducted in the (place) located at (address).

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone. The public may call (number) on (date) between the hours of (hour) and (hour).

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency’s ability to comply with CALEA Standards. A copy of the standards is available at the (location). Local contact is (name and phone number).

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the (your agency’s name)’s ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA®), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155.

The (agency name) has to comply with (total number of applicable) standards in order to gain accredited status, (agency chief executive officer) said. (A quote from the agency’s chief executive officer on why accreditation is important to your agency may be added here.)

Accreditation is for four years, during which the agency must submit annual reports, and participate in annual remote web-based assessments attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. please write the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155; or call (703) 352-4225 or email calea@calea.org.