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Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

Newark, DE (December 5, 2011) – A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) arrive on Saturday, December 10, 2011, to examine all aspects of the Newark Police Department’s policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

“Verification by the team that the Newark Police Department meets the Commission’s state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation – a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence,” says Newark Police Chief Paul M. Tiernan.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. The session will be conducted at the City of Newark Building, second floor conference room, located at 220 Elkton Road, Newark, DE.

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 (302) 453-8741 on Monday, December 12, 2011 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Comments will be received by the Assessment Team.

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’s standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Newark Police Department located at 220 Elkton Road, Newark, DE. Local contact is Corporal Paul Keld at (302) 366-7110 x140.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Newark Police Department’s ability to comply with standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on

Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Suite 320, Gainesville, VA, 20155.

The Newark Police Department has to comply with over 460 standards in order to gain accredited status. The Program Manager from CALEA for the Newark Police Department is Ms. Maya Mitchell. The Assessment Team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar but out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and places where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors are:

Mr. D. Thomas Anderson, Team Leader

Mr. Richard Lane, Team Member

Accreditation is for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports 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. (CALEA), write to 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Suite 320, Gainesville, VA, 20155; or call (703) 352-4225.

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