



Deerfield Police Department



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Deerfield Police Department Achieves Re-Accreditation

Deerfield, Illinois, July 28, 2014 - Chief John Sliozis announced the Deerfield Police Department received their Law Enforcement Re-Accreditation award on July 26, 2014, at the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) Summer Conference in Schaumburg, Illinois.

The CALEA Accreditation process--considered by the public safety community as the "gold standard"--is a proven modern management model. Once implemented, it provides an agency's chief executive officer, on a continuing basis, with a blueprint that promotes the efficient use of resources and improves service delivery - regardless of the size, geographic location, or functional responsibilities of the agency. The standards upon which CALEA's programs are based reflect the best thinking and experience of contemporary public safety practitioners and researchers. The standards are considered benchmarks for today's public safety agencies. The award signifies the Deerfield Police Department has successfully met a body of internationally recognized professional standards offered by CALEA: Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation.

Agencies receive their awards after participating in a *voluntary* process that involves a commitment of personnel and other resources. The process can take up to 36 months for law enforcement agencies seeking Accreditation or Advanced Accreditation. During this period, all aspects of the agency's policies, procedures, management, operations and support services are examined in detail. In addition, each agency conducts a detailed self-assessment and participates in an on-site review by a team of outside CALEA Assessors, composed of experienced public safety practitioners. The local community is also notified of the process and given an opportunity to submit their comments and observations. A team of assessors from CALEA arrived on April 13, 2014, to examine all aspects of the Deerfield Police Department policy and procedures, management, operations and support services. The Deerfield Police Department had to comply with 481 standards in order to gain accredited status, Chief Sliozis said.

"I am very pleased to congratulate every member of the Deerfield Police Department for making this award possible. Without their dedication and hard work in the pursuit of public safety professionalism and excellence, this recognition would not be possible." said Chief John Sliozis.

The CALEA Program Manager for the Deerfield Police Department is Sergeant Chris Fry.

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 www.calea.org.