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ACCREDITATION ASSESSORS INVITE PUBLIC COMMENT

Auburn Police Department Seeks Re-accreditation Status

AUBURN, ME – Police Chief Phillip L. Crowell, Jr. is pleased to announce that a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive Sunday, July 17, 2016 to examine all aspects of the Auburn Police Department's office policies and procedures, management, operations and support services. Verification by the team that the Auburn Police Department continues to meet the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain law enforcement re-accreditation – a highly prized recognition of public safety professional excellence.

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 Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 5:00pm. The session will be conducted in the City Council Chambers located on the second floor of Auburn Hall, 60 Court Street in Auburn. If for some reason an individual is unable to attend the public information session, but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, they may do so by telephone. The public may call the CALEA Assessors directly at 333-6605 on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00pm.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA Standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Auburn Police Department. The local contact is the APD's Accreditation Manager Liz Allen. She can be reached at 333-6650.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Auburn Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for law enforcement accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155.

The Auburn Police Department must comply with 484 core accreditation standards to gain re-accreditation status. Accreditation is granted for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting to continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited. The assessors are Chief Gary Vest from the Powell, Ohio Police Department and Lieutenant (Ret.) Rae Ferguson from the Asheville, North Carolina Police Department.

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