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POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Auburn Attains "Gold Standard" in Law Enforcement Excellence

AUBURN, ME – Auburn Police Chief Phillip L. Crowell, Jr. is proud to announce that the Auburn Police Department has been awarded national re-accreditation.

On November 5, 2016, in Charleston, South Carolina, the Auburn PD was awarded international recognition for the 4th time by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

During an Auburn City Council Meeting held on Monday, January 23, Karen Shepard, Assessment Manager for CALEA, presented Chief Crowell and his staff with their official certificate of "Gold Standard Accreditation, With Excellence."

"The APD stands out as a model of excellence in law enforcement," said Chief Phil Crowell. "I am so proud of my team - each of them worked tirelessly to earn the highest recognition of law enforcement professional excellence. That is really something to be proud of."

In August 2016, a team of assessors from CALEA examined all aspects of the APD's policies and procedures, management, operations and support services. While on-site to ensure the agency's compliance with 484 core standards, assessors also interviewed citizens, community partners, elected officials, and agency personnel. Residents provided comments and feedback to the assessors during public information and call-in sessions.

The assessors submitted a comprehensive report to CALEA which was reviewed by the Commission. During a hearing before the Commission in Charleston last November, the Auburn PD was required to defend the report and discuss future issues and challenges facing the agency. The APD received the "With Excellence" designation by unanimous vote when the agency was recommended through a motion on the floor during

the hearing. This added distinction allows the APD to be further recognized for the effective use of accreditation as a model for the delivery of enhanced public safety services and management professionalism.

According to Accreditation Manager Liz Allen, "Only 5% of municipal law enforcement agencies in the United States are fully accredited and far fewer have received the 'With Excellence' designation under the Gold Standard process of review." Auburn is one of only a handful of law enforcement agencies in Maine to receive national accreditation. "We received our first full accreditation in 2007," said Allen. "And it has been part of our culture ever since; it is just how we 'do business.' This is an agency of distinction; these men and woman are truly the very best in their field."

In 2013, APD became the first agency in Maine to achieve the *Gold Standard* level of Accreditation. Assessors will reevaluate the Auburn PD in August of 2020.

"Credit for this accomplishment goes to the men and women of the Department," said Deputy Chief Jason Moen. "They are the best of the best, and they deliver exceptional services to our residents, businesses, and visitors. I am proud to help oversee a Police Department that is in-line with the best practices of law enforcement in the country."

The APD's assessment report is available on the agency's website: www.auburnpd.com.

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About CALEA:

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA®) was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations:

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)
National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)
Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)

The purpose of CALEA's Accreditation Programs is to improve the delivery of public safety services primarily by: maintaining a body of standards, developed by public safety practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives; establishing and administering an accreditation process; and recognizing professional excellence.

Photo ["CALEA 2016.jpg"], from left: Craig Hartley, Jr., Executive Director of CALEA; Liz Allen, APD Accreditation Manager; Deputy Chief Jason Moen; Chief Phil Crowell; Newport News, VA Police Chief Richard Myers