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ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

Addison, Illinois, March 26, 2018.

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive April 8, 2018 to examine all aspects of the Addison Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Director of Police Timothy Hayden announced today.

Verification by the team that Addison 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, Director Hayden said.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session April 9, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. The session will be conducted at the Village of Addison in the Room 2002, located at 1 Friendship Plaza, Addison.

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 (630) 693-7515 on April 9, 2018 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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 Addison Police Department. The local contact person is Officer Chris Weinbrenner (630)543-3080.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Addison Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155.

The Addison Police Department has to comply with 484 standards in order to gain accredited status. Director Hayden said he looks forward to having his department go

through the on-site assessment and is confident that the Addison Police Department will successfully pass all elements of the assessment phase of the accreditation process.

The Accreditation Program Manager for Addison Police Department is Officer Chris Weinbrenner. He said 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 other places where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors are:

Team Leader: Chief R. Steven Bailey, Maimi Township (Ohio) Police Department

Assessor: Sergeant Paul Malech, Oakland Housing Authority (California) Police Department

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted re-accredited status, Officer Weinbrenner stated.

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., visit their website, CALEA.org, or write the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155, or call (703) 352-4225.