GLENDALE HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT
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ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) will arrive August 23, 2008 to examine all aspects of the Glendale Heights Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief of Police Michael S. Marron announced today.

Verification by the team that the Glendale Heights 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 public safety professional excellence, Chief Marron said.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session, Monday, August 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The session will be conducted in the Village of Glendale Heights Board Room (second floor), 300 Civic Center Plaza, Glendale Heights, IL 60139.

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 630-909-5429 on Monday, August 25, 2008 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 Glendale Heights Police Department's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available at

the Glendale Heights Police Department. The local contact is Sgt. Larry Pincsak at 630-909-5432 or at lpincsak@glendaleheights.org.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Glendale Heights Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Inc. (C.A.L.E.A.), 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2215 or email calea@calea.org.

"The Glendale Heights Police Department has to comply with 405 standards in order to gain accredited status," Chief Marron said. "The Glendale Heights Police Department and the Village of Glendale Heights are committed to delivering the best possible police service to members of our community. CALEA accreditation is a way to guarantee the Police Department is following best professional practices and keeping up with the latest trends in policing. We are proud of the hard work we have done to bring us to this stage of the accreditation process."

The CALEA Program Manager for the Glendale Heights Police Department is Christie Goddard. Goddard said the assessment team is composed of public safety practitioners from similar, but out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written material, interview individuals, and visit offices and other locations where compliance can be witnessed.

The assessors are Captain William Bleyle of the Manlius, New York Police Department, Sergeant Vincent DeMaio of the New Canaan, Connecticut Police Department, and Lieutenant Steven Lewis of the Chesterfield, Missouri Police Department.

Once the CALEA 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 accreditation status, Goddard said.

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., please write the Commission at 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2215; or call (800) 368-3757 or (703) 352-4225 or email calea@calea.org.