

## **Glendale Heights Police Department Attains Law Enforcement Accreditation**

The Glendale Heights Police Department appeared before the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in Tulsa, Oklahoma December 6, 2008. Chief Michael Marron and Sgt. Larry Pincsak, Accreditation Manager for the agency, were accompanied by Mayor Linda Jackson and representatives of the Department, Village administration and the Village Board. The Commission hearing culminated four years of dedicated effort to meet a body of internationally recognized professional standards. The standards for accreditation consist of best practices in the law enforcement profession. The Glendale Heights Police Department is extremely proud to announce the successful accreditation of the department.

CALEA was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations. 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. The Glendale Heights Police Department was required to meet 345 standards and met another 65 other-than-mandatory standards for a total of 410 standards out of the 460 total accreditation standards established by CALEA.

The Glendale Heights Police Department joins the over 700 law enforcement agencies in becoming accredited. Over 18,500 agencies in the United States are eligible to participate in the voluntary accreditation process to demonstrate that they meet established professional standards. This effort was accomplished through a total team effort of the agency with the support of the Village Board of Trustees. Congratulations to the men and women of the internationally accredited Glendale Heights Police Department.

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Chief Michael Marron and Mayor Linda Jackson (center) were accompanied by Trustees Chester Pojack and Scott Kibort, Village Administrator Donna Becerra, Accreditation Manager Larry Pincsak and Deputy Chief Thomas Bialas



CALEA Program Manager Christie Goddard, Chief Michael Marron, Accreditation Manager Larry Pincsak, Mayor Linda Jackson, Deputy Chief Thomas Bialas, Village Administrator Donna Becerra, Trustees Scott Kibort and Chester Pojack



Chief Marron with newly appointed CALEA Commission Chairman Louis Dekmar, Mayor Jackson, Accreditation Manager Sgt. Pincsak and Deputy Chief Bialas



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