



**Seminole
County**

Sheriff Donald F. Eslinger

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SEMINOLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEEKS STATE REACCREDITED STATUS

A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive July 9, 2014, to examine specific aspects of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office to include policies and procedures, operations and support services. Since the agency is already internationally accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), it must comply with only 84 additional Florida-based standards to receive state reaccredited status. A copy of the Comparative Compliance Standards is available at <http://www.flaccreditation.org/standards.htm>.

For more information regarding CFA, or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the Sheriff's Office ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please write: Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. Post Office Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, or email to info@flaccreditation.org.

The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The CFA Assessment is comprised of Team Leader, Retired Captain Bob Brongel from the Florida Department of Financial Services, Team Member, Retired Lieutenant Edward Smith from the Tallahassee Police Department, and Team Member Lieutenant Ray Beltz, from Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Once the assessors complete their review, they report back to the full Commission which will then decide if the Sheriff's Office will be reaccredited. Reaccreditation is for three years. Verification by the team that the Sheriff's Office meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to maintain accreditation - a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.