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Accreditation assessment teams invites public comment

Seminole Co., Fla. (Feb. 9, 2018)-A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive March 12, 2018, to examine all aspects of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services. Verification by the team that Seminole County Sheriff's Office meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is a part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation-a highly prized recognition of public safety professional excellence. As part of the assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 5 p.m. The session will be conducted in the community room of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office located at 100 Eslinger Way, Sanford, FL.

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, they may do so by telephone calling 407-665-6947 on March 13, 2018, from 2 p.m-4 p.m. Telephone comments, as well as appearances at the public information session, are limited to ten minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards. A copy of the standards can be reviewed by contacting Ms. Shannon Smith at (407) 665-6611.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Seminole County Sheriff's Office ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write:

Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc.
13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320
Gainesville, Virginia 20155

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office has to comply with 484 standards in order to retain accredited status. Accreditation lasts for three years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office was initially accredited through CALEA on July 29, 1995.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. please write the Commission at the address listed above, call (703) 352-4225, or email calea@calea.org.

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