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**SEMINOLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEEKS  
STATE REACCREDITATION STATUS**

Seminole Co. (Oct. 2, 2020) – A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will be conducting an assessment of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on October 28-29, 2020, to examine specific aspects of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office to include policies, procedures, operations and support services. Due to COVID-19, the assessment will be conducted remotely. Since the agency is already internationally accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), it must comply with 115 Florida based standards to receive state reaccreditation status. A copy of the Comparative Compliance Standards is available at <http://www.flaccreditation.org/standards.htm>.

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office has been accredited by CFA since 1996. Assessments occur every three years to confirm continued compliance with standards. The agency achieved CFA's prestigious "Excelsior" status in 2011 after five consecutive reaccreditations with no compliance issues noted and has maintained this status since.

For more information regarding CFA, or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the Sheriff's 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 [info@flaccreditation.org](mailto:info@flaccreditation.org).

The assessors will remotely review documentation and use telephone and video meetings to interview agency members and make observations of compliance. The CFA Assessors are comprised of Team Leader Deborah Furka from St. Petersburg Police Department; Nick Haupt from Boca Raton Police Services Department and Deputy Director Loren Lowers from Florida Department of Lottery Services, Division of Security.

Once the commission's assessors complete their review, they send their report to the full commission, which will make the final determination for reaccreditation. 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.

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