

ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

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ANYTOWN INDIANA—A team of assessors from the [Indiana Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (ILEAC) / Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA)] will arrive Monday, April 99, 2222 to examine all aspects of the Anytown Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations and support services, Chief Sam Jones announced today.

Verification by the team that the Anytown 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 law enforcement professional excellence, he said.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments to the assessment team at a public information session may do so by telephone. The public may call 123-456-7890 on Monday, April 99, 2222 from 99:00 PM to 99:00 PM.

Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with ILEAC's/CALEA'S standards. A copy of the standards is available for viewing at the Anytown Police Department. Local contact is Lieutenant Mike Smith or Officer Ima Biggun at 123-456-7890.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Anytown Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Indiana Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, 10293 North Meridian Street, Suite 175, Indianapolis, Indiana 46290 or the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc., (CALEA) 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 320, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2201.

“The Anytown Police Department has to comply with 120 standards in order to gain accredited status,” Chief Sam Jones said. “We in law enforcement agencies have long been asking to be recognized as professional in our field. Accreditation will bring a sense of pride and accomplishment to our department as we receive national recognition of professional excellence and increase citizen and employee confidence with improved delivery of law enforcement services.”

The Accreditation Program Manager for the Anytown Police Department is Lieutenant Mike Smith. He said the assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar but out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The Assessors are Captain Jack Stein, No Place City Police Department, Team Leader and Sergeant Hal Weinberg, Any County Sheriff's Department. “Once the ILEAC Assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Board of Commissioners, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status,” Lieutenant Smith stated.

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 Indiana Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, please write ILEAC at 10293 North Meridian Street, Suite 175, Indianapolis, Indiana 46290 or call 317.816.1619 or visit the website at www.ileac.org. For information regarding the national Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., please write CALEA at 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 320, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2201; or call (800) 368-3757 or (703) 352-4225.