



GLENDALE HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT **PRESS RELEASE**

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ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive to examine all aspects of the Glendale Heights Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief Douglas R. Flint announced today.

Verification by the team that the Glendale Heights Police Department meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process for reaccreditation – a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence, he said. The commission initially accredited the Glendale Heights Police Department in 2008.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The session will be conducted in the Village of Glendale Heights Board Room (second floor), 300 Civic Center Plaza, Glendale Heights, IL 60139.

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone. The public may call 630-909-5329 and speak with a CALEA assessor on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Glendale Heights Police Department. The local contact is Katie Pentecost at 630-909-5432 or at katie_pentecost@glendaleheights.org.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Glendale Heights Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on

Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155.

The Glendale Heights Police Department has to comply with over 475 standards to remain an accredited agency, according to Chief Flint. “By voluntarily submitting ourselves to the accreditation process, we are assuring the community and ourselves that we are providing these services while meeting accepted practices.”

The Glendale Heights Police Department Accreditation Coordinator, Katie Pentecost, will act as the liaison with the CALEA assessors and the Department while the team is on location. The team is comprised of two individuals who both have had long careers in law enforcement including extensive knowledge of the accreditation process. The assessors are Chief Mark Scott of the Americus Georgia Police Department. (Team Leader) and Chief Sue Madsen of the Miami Township Police Department in Milford, Ohio.

Once the assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted re-accredited status.

Accreditation has been a three year process, 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 Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., please write the commission at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155; or call (703) 352-4225. The commission can also be found on the Internet at www.calea.org.