LEANDER POLICE DEPARTMENT
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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 on August 5, 2019 to examine all aspects of the Leander Police Department policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief Greg Minton announced today.

Verification by the team that Leander 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 public safety processional excellence, he said.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session August 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm. The session will be conducted in the training room of the Leander Fire Administration building located at 101 E. Sonny Dr.

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone. The public may call (512) 528-2807 on Tuesday August 6, 2019 between the hours of 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm.

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 705 Leander Dr. Local contact is Lieutenant Luana Wilcox.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about Leander Police Department’s ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155.

The Leander Police Department has to comply with 189 standards in order to gain accredited status, Chief Greg Minton said. He further commented that, while we are a relative small department, the content of the standards gives us the benefit of the combined experience of past and present Commission members. The accreditation process encourages our department to focus on the highest levels of professionalism and excellence in service, which is its greatest benefit. It also strengthens public confidence when our community knows it is protected by an agency that is part of an elite group of law enforcement professionals.
The assessment team is composed of public safety practitioners from similar, but out-of-state agencies. The assessors review written materials, interview individuals and visit offices and other locations where compliance can be witnessed.

The assessors are: Team leader, Chief Gary Vest from the City of Powell, Ohio, and team member, Assistant Chief Phillip Sargent of the Muscatine Police Department, Iowa.

Once the CALEA 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 accredited status. The current accreditation cycle is for four years, during which the agency must submit an annual report attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited and a portion of the files will be checked each year.

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 contact via the website, www.calea.org.

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