



PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



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ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

Plainfield, IL – “A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) will arrive April 24, 2010 to examine all aspects of the Plainfield Police Department’s policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services,” Chief of Police William Doster announced today.

“Verification by the team that the Plainfield 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 professional excellence,” Chief Doster 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, Monday, April 26, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The session will be conducted at Plainfield Village Hall, Community Rooms A & B (second floor), 24401 W. Lockport St., Plainfield, IL 60544.

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 (815) 439-8855 on Monday, April 26, 2010 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the Plainfield Police Department’s ability to comply with CALEA’s standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Plainfield Police Department. The local contact is Sgt. Kevin Adams at (815) 439-7657 or kadams@plainfieldpd.com.



Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Plainfield Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2215 or email calea@calea.org.

"The Plainfield Police Department must comply with over 400 standards in order to gain accredited status," Chief Doster said. "The Plainfield Police Department and the Village of Plainfield are committed to delivering the best possible police service to members of our community. CALEA accreditation is a way to guarantee the Police Department is following best professional practices and keeping up with the latest trends in policing. We are proud of the hard work we have done to bring us to this stage of the accreditation process."

The CALEA Program Manager for the Plainfield Police Department is Maya Mitchell. Mitchell said the assessment team is composed of public safety practitioners from similar, but out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written material, interview individuals, and visit offices and other locations where compliance can be witnessed.

The assessors include Captain Joseph Bartlett from the Greenville, North Carolina Police Department and Lieutenant Gary Heller from the University of Pennsylvania Police Department.

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 accreditation status, Mitchell 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 Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., please write the Commission at 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2215; or call (800) 368-3757 or (703) 352-4225 or email calea@calea.org.

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