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Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A team from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will be at North Carolina State University on Saturday, Nov. 4, to examine all aspects of the NC State Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

Verification by the team that the NC State 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.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session Monday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. The session will be conducted in the Blue Room of the Talley Student Center on campus located at 2610 Cates Avenue.

If you cannot speak at the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, you may do so by telephone at 919/795-1756 on Monday, Nov. 6, between the hours of 1 and 4 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's standards. A copy of the standards is available at the North Carolina State University Police Department, 2610 Wolf Village Way, Raleigh. Interested parties may contact Tim Johnson, accreditation manager, at 919/515-5944.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the NC State Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, Va., 22030-2215.

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The accreditation manager for the NC State Police Department is Tim Johnson. Johnson indicated 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:

D. Thomas Anderson
Anoka Police Department
Anoka, Minnesota

Denise L. Linkenhoker
Virginia Tech University Police Department
Blacksburg, Virginia

Jamey Mills
Milford Police Department
Milford, Ohio

Once the commission's 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.

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, Va., 22030-2215; or call 800/ 368-3757.

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