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## ***ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT***

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A team of Assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive at the Cranston Police Department on November 5, 2017 to examine all aspects of the agency's policies and procedures, management, operations and support services. This team will conduct a "Law Enforcement Advanced Accreditation" assessment as the final step in the Cranston Police Department's re-accreditation process, Colonel Michael J. Winqvist announced today.

Verification by the assessment team that the Cranston Police Department meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to maintain accreditation – a highly prized recognition of professional excellence in law enforcement.

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 to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, beginning at 6:00 pm. The session will be held at the Cranston Police / Municipal Court Complex Community Room, 5 Garfield Avenue, Cranston, R.I.**

If, for some reason, individuals are unable to speak at the public information session, but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, they may do so by telephone. **The public may call (401) 477-5043 on Tuesday, November 7, 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's standards. Copies of the CALEA Standards are available for review at the Cranston Police Department. Questions concerning compliance with any of the standards may be directed to **Captain Carl Ricci, *Inspectional Services Division*** at telephone number (401) 477-5092.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Cranston Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: CALEA Program Manager for the Cranston Department, Paul MacMillan. Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155.

The assessment team is comprised of law enforcement practitioners from two (2) out of state agencies identified as Chief Samuel Farina of the Fairport Village New York Police Department and Lieutenant James Sullivan of the Burlington Township, New Jersey Police Department. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other places where compliance can be observed.

Accreditation is for three (3) years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those applicable standards under which they were accredited.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) please write the Field Operation Division at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155; or call (703) 352-4225 or e-mail by visiting their website at [www.calea.org](http://www.calea.org).

