



# Greenhills Police Department

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## ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

Greenhills Police Chief Neil R. Ferdelman announced today that a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive in Greenhills on Monday, December 12 to re-examine all aspects of Greenhills Police Department's police services, including procedures, management, operations, and support services.

The department received initial accreditation on March 15, 2008 with the understanding that it would be reassessed every three years to verify continued compliance with law enforcement standards required by CALEA. Periodic on-site assessments by appointed assessors are part of a voluntary process to retain accreditation, a highly coveted recognition of law enforcement professional excellence, Ferdelman said. This year's assessment will address the time frame of 2014-2016. This is the department's third reassessment.

As part of the on-site reassessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session starting at 5:30 pm on Monday, December 12, in the Council Chambers located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Greenhills Municipal Building, 11000 Winton Road.

If an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would like to express comments to the assessment team, he or she may do so by telephone. The public may call 312-485-5290 between 3:00 – 5:00 pm on Monday, December 12.

Comments made by phone or in person at the public information session should be limited to five minutes and must address the department's ability to comply with CALEA standards since 2014. A copy of the standards is available for viewing at the Greenhills Municipal Building, 11000 Winton Road.

Persons may submit written comments about the department's ability to meet the standards during the past three year period to The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Suite 330, Gainesville, VA 20155. The two member reassessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from out-of-state agencies. To conduct the reassessment, the team will review the department's written policies and compliance documentation, interview members of the department and tour facilities and other areas where compliance may be observed.



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The CALEA assessors are:

- **Chief John Letteney, Team Leader:** John Letteney is the Chief of Police of Apex, North Carolina, and previously served as Chief of Police of Southern Pines, North Carolina. Prior to his move south, he was a commander in the Monroe County Sheriff's Department in Rochester, New York, and served more than 30 years in law enforcement. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, a Master's degree in Public Administration, and is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy.
- **Captain Margaret Schmidt-Fuller, Team Member:** Captain Schmidt-Fuller retired from the Woodbridge Township Police Department, New Jersey in December of 2012. She served as the Accreditation Manager, and as a captain assigned to command the Radio Patrol Division, the Professional Standards Division, and the Detective Bureau. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration and is currently the Chief Financial Officer for the New Jersey Public Safety Accreditation Coalition.

After the team completes its on-site review, assessors will report back to the full board of CALEA Commissioners, who will decide if the department is to be granted reaccredited status.

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