



Greenhills Police

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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 Sunday, March 16 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 188 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 2011-2013. This is the department's second 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, Monday, March 17, in the Council Chambers located on the 2nd 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 513-678-4190 between 1:00 – 3:00 pm on Monday, March 17.

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 2010. 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 two CALEA assessors are: **Captain John Foster, Team Leader:** Captain Foster retired in 2011 from the Florissant, Missouri Police Department after 32 years of service. He served in various investigative, supervisory, and command roles. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, and a Master's degree in Public Administration. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy (NA). Since 2008, he has served as a counselor/instructor for the FBI NA Youth Leadership Program. Most recently, he served as the Accreditation Manager for the United States Mint Police, headquartered in Washington, DC. He has been a CALEA assessor since 2001 and a Team Leader since 2004.

Deputy Chief Jim Minkowsky, Team Member: Deputy Chief Minkowsky is the Deputy Chief of Police of the Lewiston, Maine Police Department, where he has served since 1990. He also has served in various investigative, supervisory, and command roles. He additionally is a polygraph examiner and serves as an instructor at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. He holds an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor's degree in the Administration of Justice. He is also a graduate of the FBI NA, and has been a CALEA assessor since 2010. He serves as a Master at Arms in the US Navy Reserves assigned three years.

After the team completes its on-site review, Ferdelman said, they will report back to the full board of CALEA Commissioners, who will decide if the department is to be granted reaccreditation status for the three years.

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