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University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department Seeks CALEA Re-Accreditation

Lincoln, NE. – A site-based assessment team from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) will complete a remote assessment on November 8 & 9 to examine all aspects of the UNLPD’s policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

Verification by the team that the UNLPD meets the Commission’s state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain re-accreditation—a highly prized recognition of public safety professional excellence. The UNLPD has been CALEA accredited since 2015; this will be their 2nd re-accreditation assessment.

“To gain accredited status, our office must comply with numerous standards that reflect current best-practices in law enforcement,” said Chief Hassan Ramzah. “The UNLPD’s CALEA accreditation represents recognition for the hard work done by the UNLPD to provide the campus community with a high quality of service and pushes us to continue to improve”.

As part of the assessment, UNLPD personnel and members of the campus community are invited to offer comments at a public information session via Zoom with a CALEA assessor on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 1:00 pm. The session will be conducted in the Platte River Room - North in the City Union, located at 1400 R Street on the University’s city campus.

In addition, UNLPD personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments to the assessment team by telephone. The public may call **402-472-0234** on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency’s ability to comply with CALEA Standards. The local contact is Accreditation Manager Michael Maas, 402-472-8430 or mmaas2@unl.edu.

Accreditation Manager Maas says, “CALEA accreditation is really a source of great pride, as only a small number of law enforcement agencies in the U.S. are accredited. It shows that our employees are dedicated to putting in the extra work to ensure we are the best agency we can be.”

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the UNLPD’s ability to meet the standards for re- accreditation are requested to write:

Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc.
(CALEA®), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320
Gainesville, Virginia 20155.

The assessment is being conducted by two professional assessors, assigned by CALEA. It is led by Deputy Chief of Police Zandral N. Washington from the University of Alabama at Birmingham Police Department, assisted by Commander Ernest Knight from the University of Chicago Police Department. Together, they bring over fifty years of law enforcement experience, and over thirty years of CALEA experience, to the assessment.

Once the assessment is completed, the assessors will forward their report to the full CALEA commission, who will determine if re-accreditation is granted. Accreditation is for four years, during which the agency must submit annual reports and participate in annual remote web-based assessments verifying 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 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155; or call (703) 352-4225 or email calea@calea.org.

