



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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

**COLLEYVILLE, TX** – Police Chief Michael C. Miller has announced that the Colleyville Police Department is seeking their initial accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA).

On August 9, 2021, a team of assessors from CALEA, will begin to examine all aspects of the Colleyville Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services. The department has to comply with 181 standards in order to gain accredited status. Verification by the team that Colleyville 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 public safety professional excellence," Chief Miller said.

CALEA's Standards for law enforcement agencies and its accreditation programs are recognized as benchmarks for professional law enforcement agencies. Accreditation is a means for developing or improving agency relationships with the community, and it strengthens an agency's accountability, both within the agency and the community, through a continuum of standards that clearly define authority, performance, and responsibility. Accreditation can also limit an agency's liability and risk exposure because it demonstrates internationally accepted standards for law enforcement have been met and verified.

As part of the assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on August 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. The session will be conducted at Colleyville City Hall, 100 Main Street, in the Executive Conference Room located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

If, for some reason, an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone.



The public may call 817-503-1234 on Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 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 Standards. A copy of the standards is available to view by appointment only at the Colleyville Police Department, 5201 Riverwalk Drive. Local contact is Accreditation Coordinator Cynthia Bauman at 817-503-1241.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Colleyville Police Department's ability to meet standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155 or email [calea@calea.org](mailto:calea@calea.org).

The assessors are Team Leader Deputy Chief (ret.) Stanton Gragg and Team Member Major (ret.) Danny Messimer. Once the CALEA Assessors complete their review of the agency, they will report to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status.

Accreditation is for four years, during which the agency must submit annual reports, and participate in annual remote web-based assessments 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 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155; or call (703) 352-4225; or email [calea@calea.org](mailto:calea@calea.org).

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