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

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) will be present during the period July 13-16, 2013, to examine all aspects of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services for reaccreditation, according to Sheriff William T. "Bill" Schatzman.

The assessment team consists of the Chief Deputy Brad Slater from Cache County Sheriff's Office in Utah and Chief of Police Wayne Isbell of the Mount Pleasant Police Department in Mount Pleasant, Texas.

Sheriff Schatzman states the assessment team is responsible for verifying that the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards as part of the voluntary process for CALEA reaccreditation – a highly prized recognition of public safety professional excellence. Sheriff Schatzman believes the accreditation process and compliance with national and internationally recognized CALEA professional law enforcement standards will assist the agency in providing the very best possible law enforcement services to the citizens of Forsyth County.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on July 15, 2013 beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. (or until all present have had an opportunity to speak). The session will be conducted in the Sgt. James M. Johnson Memorial Training Room of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, 120 W. Third Street, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101

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 on July 15, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. The public may call the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office at (336) 917-7315 to speak to the assessors.

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 at the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office from the Sheriff's Accreditation Specialist Lewis Wayne Moore at (336) 917-7405.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the ability of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155-6660.

The CALEA Program Manager for the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office is Ms. Maya Mitchell. She stated the assessment team is composed of public safety practitioners from similar, but out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written material, interview individuals, and visit offices and other locations where standards compliance can be witnessed and verified. CALEA has established 482 professional performance standards. The applicable standards for a particular agency are based upon the size and mission of the law enforcement agency under consideration. Accreditation is for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports and provide proof attesting to continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

Once the CALEA Assessors complete their review of the agency, they shall provide a comprehensive written report to the CALEA Board of Commissioners which will ultimately decide the accreditation status of the agency.

Additional information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. may be obtained by writing the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155-6660; or call (703) 352-4225 or email [calea@calea.org](mailto:calea@calea.org).