



UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION FOR RELEASE TO MEDIA



SUBJECT: University of Florida Police
Department Re-accreditation
Assessment

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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 examine all aspects of the University of Florida Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief Linda Stump-Kurnick announced today.

“Verification by the team that the University of Florida 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 Stump-Kurnick said.

As part of the assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session March 1, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. The session will be conducted via Zoom meeting, and can be accessed utilizing Meeting ID 997 9525 9926.

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, they may do so by telephone. The public may call 352-273-3335 on March 1, 2021 between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 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. To review CALEA Standards, a copy is available 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the police department's Front Desk 352-392-5447.

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

The accreditation process requires an agency to demonstrate compliance with all applicable mandatory standards and a specified percentage of applicable non-mandatory standards in order to gain accredited status, Chief Stump-Kurnick said. The accreditation process provides the Police Department an independent, objective peer review of our policies and practices ensuring we are providing the best possible law enforcement services to our community.

Once the CALEA Assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status.

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 (800) 368-3757 or (703) 352-4225 or www.calea.org.

For questions regarding information contained in this release, please contact Major Brad Barber at (352) 273-3301, or after hours at (352) 392-1111 **[# UFPD (#8373)]**. Major Barber may also be reached via e-mail at wbarber@ufl.edu, or visit the University of Florida Police Department webpage at <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>

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