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TUCSON POLICE DEPARTMENT CALEA REACCREDITATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

On Sunday, August 4, 2013, assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive in Tucson to examine all aspects of the Tucson Police Department's policies, procedures, management, operations, and support services. The primary responsibility of the assessors is to verify that the Tucson Police Department meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards. The assessors' examination is part of a voluntary process to gain reaccreditation, which is a highly esteemed recognition of public safety professional excellence.

Each accreditation period encompasses a three year time frame, during which the agency must submit annual reports to demonstrate continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited. The Tucson Police Department was awarded initial accreditation by CALEA in the year 2001 and has been granted reaccreditation in the years 2004, 2007, and 2010.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a Public Hearing, which will take place on Monday, August 5, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. at the Tucson Police Department Headquarters located at 270 South Stone Avenue. In addition, the Assessment Team will also accept telephone comments. An assessor may be contacted at 520-837-7905 on Monday, August 5, 2010, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Telephone comments, as well as appearances at the Public Hearing, are restricted to 5 minutes and limited to the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards. Copies of the standards are available for review at the Tucson Police Department Headquarters building between the dates of July 29, 2013 and August 2, 2013 during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Tucson Police Department's ability to meet the standards for reaccreditation may submit them to: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), Attn: Program Manager Stephen Mitchell, 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155.

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