



Xenia Police Division

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Subject: Xenia Police Divisions Re-Accreditation

Information:

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), will arrive Saturday, April 17, 2010 to examine all aspects of the City of Xenia Police Division's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief of Police, Donald R. Person, announced today.

Verification by the team that the City of Xenia Police Division meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain re-accreditation - a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence, Chief Person said.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The session will be conducted in the City of Xenia Commission Chambers, 101 North Detroit Street, Xenia, Ohio.

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 (937) 376-7224 on Monday, April 19, 2010, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to ten (10) minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards.

A copy of the standards is available at the Xenia City Police Division, 101 North Detroit Street, Xenia, Ohio. Local contact is Accreditation Manager Christina Shaw at (937) 376-7217.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the City of Xenia Police Division's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 320, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-2201.

The City of Xenia Police Division has to comply with three hundred eight-four (388) standards in order to gain accredited status, Chief Person said. Accreditation is the foundation that assures that our policies and procedures provide efficient and effective professional guidelines to our officers who serve our community.

The Accreditation Program Manager for the City of Xenia Police Division is Christina Shaw. Christina said the assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar but out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors will be announced at a later date. Once the Commission's 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.

Accreditation is for three years, during which the agency may submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

For more information regarding the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., please write the Commission at 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 320, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-2201 or call (800) 368-3757 or (730) 352-4225.