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Xenia Police Division Prepares for Re-Accreditation

Xenia, Ohio, (March 1, 2016) A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), will arrive in Xenia, Sunday, March 13, 2016, to examine all aspects of the City of Xenia Police Division's (XPD) policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Xenia 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 according to Chief Person.

As part of the on-site assessment, XPD employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session Monday, March 14, 2016 at 5:30 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 be present at the public information session but would like to provide comments to the assessment team, they may do so by telephone. The public may call (937) 376-7224 on Monday, March 14, 2016 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 Police Division'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, and can be requested from Xenia Police Division Accreditation Manager Christina Shaw in person or by calling (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., 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155. The public may also contact the same address or call (703) 352-4225 to learn more about CALEA.

Xenia Police Division Re-Accreditation, Cont'd

The City of Xenia Police Division has to comply with four hundred and eighty (480) standards in order to gain accredited status. “Accreditation is the foundation that assures that our policies and procedures provide efficient and effective professional guidelines to our officers who serve our community,” said Chief Person.

According to Ms. Shaw, 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 reviewing the Xenia police are Mr. Michael Bussiere from the Lewiston Police Department, Lewiston, Maine, and Ms. Rae Ferguson from the Asheville Police Department, Asheville, North Carolina. Once the Commission’s assessors complete their review of the Xenia Police, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the Xenia Police Division is to be granted accredited status.

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

For more information regarding the Xenia Police Division call (937) 372-8014. For more information about the City of Xenia call (937) 372-7232 or visit ExploreXenia.com online.

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