



# TOWN OF GUILFORD

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

**Date:** February 22, 2017  
**Subject:** CALEA Accreditation Assessment for Guilford Police Department  
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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 arrive on March 19, 2017 to examine all aspects of the Guilford Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, according to Chief Jeffrey Hutchinson.

Verification by the team that the Guilford 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 law enforcement professional excellence. The Guilford Police Department has to comply with 484 standards in order to gain accredited status.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 5:30 pm. The session will be conducted in the Joseph Montesano Community Room located at the Guilford Police Department, 400 Church Street in Guilford.

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 203-453-8246 on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 between the hours of 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm.

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's standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Guilford Police Department. Local contact is Sergeant Christopher Massey at 203-453-8061.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Guilford Police Department's ability to

meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Blvd, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155.

The Accreditation Program Manager for the Guilford Police Department is Sergeant Christopher Massey. 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 are: Deputy Chief Jason Moen, Auburn, Maine Police Department and Major Traci Estep, Lee County Florida Sheriff's Office. Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status.

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

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. please write the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Blvd, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155.