

CHARLESTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Sheriff J. Al Cannon, Jr.
3691 Leeds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405



Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comments

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 17, 2020

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA®), during July 27-29, 2020, will examine all aspects of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office policy and procedures, management, operations and support services.

Verification by the assessment team that the Charleston County Sheriff's Office meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to maintain accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence. The Charleston County Sheriff's Office is a seasoned agency that has institutionalized the process, being first accredited in 1999 and awarded five subsequent re-accreditations. The assessment team's interaction with the agency will focus on process and outcomes to ensure compliance.

As part of the site-based assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments by emailing CALEA® at calea@calea.org. Add Charleston County Sheriff's Office (SC) to the subject line. Comments will also be accepted by telephone at 843-529-5333 on Tuesday July 28, 2020, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Telephone calls will be limited to 10 minutes. Comments will be taken by the CALEA® assessors, Chief B. A. "Jay" Murphy (Ret) and Mr. John Farrell. Anyone wishing to submit written comments concerning the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, SC, ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155. Phone: 703-352-4225.

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Emails, written comments, and telephone calls should address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA® standards.

Once the CALEA® assessors complete their review of the agency, they report to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to maintain its accredited status. Accreditation is valid for four years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

The Accreditation Program is administered by Accreditation Manager Lieutenant Brian Williams at (843) 554-2488 and Sergeant James Thomas at (843) 554-2445.

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

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