



# Media Release

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Madison, MS, 07/15/2021 - A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), through a virtual format, will examine all aspects of the City of Madison Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief M. E. Waldrop announced today.

Verification by the team that the Madison Police Department meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain advanced accreditation - a highly prized recognition of public safety professional excellence, he said. The Department has been previously accredited since November 2002.

As part of the virtual assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Monday, July 26, 2021, from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM. The session will be conducted virtually utilizing the Zoom teleconference platform. Those wishing to attend the online meeting may do so by joining the Zoom teleconference at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82728862379?pwd=ZjNpTHZtQ0lqS0l4azh6dmVHakNUUT09>. The Zoom meeting ID is 827 2886 2379. The Zoom meeting passcode is 710088.

If for some reason an individual cannot attend the public information session but would like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone. The public may call 601-500-2831 on Monday, July 26, 2021, between the hours of 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM.

Telephone comments as well as comments at the online public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA Standards. A copy of the Standards is available at the City of Madison Police Department. Local contact is Captain Kevin Newman, telephone number 601-856-6111.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the City of Madison Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write to: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 1357 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155. Comments may also be submitted by email to [calea@calea.org](mailto:calea@calea.org).

The Madison Police Department is required to comply with 365 standards in order to continue advanced accredited status. "Advanced Law Enforcement accreditation provides the Madison Police Department a process for accountability to the citizens and public which the Department serves", Chief Waldrop said.

The CALEA Program Manager for the Madison Police Department is Mr. Vince Dauro. He said the assessment team is composed of public safety practitioners from similar, but out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals and view offices, locations and equipment and processes virtually where compliance can be verified.

Once the CALEA 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, Mr. Dauro stated.

Accreditation is for four years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting 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: CALEA, 1357 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155; or call (703) 352-4225; or e-mail at [calea@calea.org](mailto:calea@calea.org).

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