



VILLAGE OF PINECREST
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International Police Department Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

Pinecrest, FL – A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), will arrive March 14, 2016, to examine all aspects of the Pinecrest Police Department’s policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14th at the Pinecrest Municipal Center, 12645 Pinecrest Parkway, Third Floor.

Verification by the team that the 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.

Those who are not able to attend the public information session can provide comments to the assessment team by calling 305- 234-2109 between the hours of 2:45 and 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14th. 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. The local contact is Major Jason Cohen, Accreditation Manager, 305 234-2100.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Pinecrest Police department’s ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write to the following address:

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Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155-6693.

The police department has to comply with 480 standards in order to gain accredited status. The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar-sized out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit officers and other places where compliance with CALEA standards can be confirmed.

The assessors are the following: Team Leader Robert Stack, Retired Assistant Chief of Police at the Lexington Kentucky Police Department and current Lexington Director of Enhanced 9-1-1 and Christopher Connelly, Sergeant at the Chesterfield Police Department in Missouri. The Commission's assessors will complete their review of the agency and report back to 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 CALEA, please write the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155-6693 or call (703) 352-4225.

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