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Commission for Florida Law Enforcement to Assess Police Department

Pinecrest, Fla. – A Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) team of assessors will visit the Police Department on Tuesday, December 6 to examine specific aspects of the department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. Because the agency is already nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), it only has to comply with 87 additional Florida-based standards in order to receive state accredited status.

For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the Police Department's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please write to CFA, P.O. Box 1489 Tallahassee, FL 32302.

The Accreditation Program Manager is Major Jason Cohen. The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies, who are Team Leader Master Officer Tammy Farnham from the Stuart Police Department, and team members Amanda Schaefer from the Sunrise Police Department and Sergeant Thomas Raulen from the Indian River County Sheriff's Office.

The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other places where compliance can be observed. Once the commission assessors complete their review of the agency, they report to the full commission which decides if the Police Department will be reaccredited. The Police Department accreditation is for three years. Verification by the team that the Police Department meets the commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain or maintain accreditation - a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

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