



ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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REMINDER

ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

The Athens-Clarke County Police Department will host its ninth on-site assessment by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) March 26-29, 2018. The CALEA assessors conducting the review will examine all aspects of the Department, including its policies, procedures, management and operations, to verify it meets CALEA's high standards for public safety law enforcement and remains committed to professional excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, members of the public are encouraged to contact CALEA with any comments about the Police Department's quality of service and/or its ability to meet CALEA law enforcement standards. These standards may be viewed at Police Department headquarters at 3035 Lexington Road, Athens.

Public comments about the Athens-Clarke County Police Department may be submitted in writing and mailed directly to CALEA at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155; by telephone during the on-site assessment; or during a public information session with CALEA assessors.

Telephone calls to 706-613-3888, Extension 319, will be answered by an on-site

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assessor on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Comments made by telephone are limited to ten (10) minutes and must address the performance of the Police Department. The public information session will be conducted by both on-site assessors on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall (301 College Avenue, Room 205). Comments made in writing, by telephone, or in person will be reviewed by the CALEA Commission, in addition to the results of all standards compliance inspections and interviews, during the July 25-28, 2018 CALEA Conference in Grand Rapids, MI.

“The Police Department is committed to providing the citizens and visitors of Athens-Clarke County the highest quality law enforcement service,” said Police Chief R. Scott Freeman, Ph.D. “Our voluntary participation in the CALEA accreditation process, which includes annual reviews and a four-year audit to ensure our continued compliance with CALEA standards, is one of many ways we demonstrate our commitment to excellence. Our Police Department employees are well trained, professional and ready to assist with any public safety emergency, and we are proud of their contributions to our community.”

The Athens-Clarke County Police Department earned its initial CALEA accreditation in 1987. Re-accreditation will be for four years during which the Police Department’s leadership must submit annual reports and files for review to demonstrate continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

For information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., please write the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155; visit them on the Web at www.calea.org; or call 1-703-352-4225.

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