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### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Monmouth County:** Sheriff Shaun Golden announced that a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) will arrive on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to examine all aspects of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office - Communications Division. This includes Communications Division policy and procedures, management, operations and support services.

“The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Communications Division has been accredited by CALEA for 15 years and we look forward to working with the team, on our next assessment,” said Sheriff Shaun Golden. “We are proud to have such an honor, since national distinction of reaccreditation formally recognizes and reinforces that the services our communications division provides, continues to meet, or exceeds the practices of the top communications divisions in the nation.”

As part of the on-site assessment, employees of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and members of the community are afforded the opportunity to offer comments at a public call in session on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The public may call (732) 431-6400 ext. 1650 on March 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 between the hours of 1 pm and 3 pm. Telephone comments at the public information session are limited to 5 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA accreditation standards.

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A copy of the CALEA standards is available for review at the Communications Division, 2500 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728. Contact Supervisor Scott Nielsen 732-431-6400 x 1628.

The assessment team is composed of public safety communications and law enforcement practitioners from out of state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other areas where compliance may be observed. The assessors are Team Leader Captain Alfred Miller of the Prince William County Police Department, Va. and Mr. George Carpenter, Interim Chief for the Village of Schiller Park, IL. Once CALEA assessors complete the review of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Communications Division, they report back to the full commission. It will then be decided if the agency is to be granted the accredited status.

Accredited status is for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited. The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Communications Division must maintain compliance with a total of 213 standards in order to sustain accredited status.

"This accreditation process is extremely important as it will maintain the high degree of professionalism within the agency and enable us to provide better service in maintaining public safety to the residents of Monmouth County," said Sheriff Golden. "In addition, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office will remain as the only law enforcement agency in the state of New Jersey with accreditations in all four areas of operation, which include law enforcement, corrections, correctional healthcare and communications."

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write to: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155. For additional information about CALEA, please write to the above address or call (703) 352-4225.

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