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### LAW ENFORCEMENT 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 July 18, 2016 to examine all aspects of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Division and the Monmouth County Police Academy. This includes law enforcement division and police academy policy and procedures, management, operations and support services.

As part of the on-site assessment, employees of the sheriff's office and members of the community are afforded the opportunity to offer comments at a public information session to be held on July 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm. The session will be conducted in the Freeholder Meeting Room located on the second floor of the Monmouth County Hall of Records, Main Street in Freehold 07728.

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, they may do so by telephone. The public may call 732-431-6400 Extension 1650 on July 19, 2016 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Telephone comments as well as appearances 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 law enforcement standards is available for review at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Center, 2500 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728. Contact Sergeant Denise Palmisano at (732) 431-6400 Extension 1128. A copy of the CALEA public safety training standards is available for review at the Police Academy 2000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728. Contact Captain David Finck at (732) 431-6400 Extension 1109.

The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from out of state agencies who will review written materials, interview individuals and visit offices and other areas where compliance may be observed. The assessors are Team Leader Chief John Sofie of the Douglas County Nebraska Sheriff's Office, Team Leader Captain Craig Smith of the Cumberland County Maine Sheriff's Office and Team Member Deputy Chief Donald Gasparini of the Winnebago County Illinois Sheriff's Office.

"Once the commission's assessors complete the review of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Division and Monmouth County Police Academy, they report back to the full Commission," said Sheriff Shaun Golden. "The Commission will then decide if the agency and police academy are to be granted accredited status."

Accredited status is for four years, during which the sheriff's office and police academy must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

"The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office must maintain compliance with a total of 484 standards in order to sustain accredited status and the Police Academy 159 standards," said Sheriff Golden. "This accreditation process is important as it will continue the high degree of professionalism within the sheriff's office and police academy and enable us to provide better service to the citizens of Monmouth County."

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Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and Monmouth County Police Academy's ability to meet the standards for accreditation, or, need additional information regarding CALEA, are requested to write to: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155.

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