



News Release
Ashland Police Department
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Douglas A. Goodman, Chief
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The Ashland Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of the reaccreditation process to maintain our accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA).

An assessment team representing CALEA will arrive in Ashland on December 11, 2010 to begin a four-day intensive inspection of every facet of the Police Department.

Verification by the team that the Police Department meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process the Police Department initially underwent in September, 2007.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees, citizens and members of the business community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Monday, December 13, 2010 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at Ashland Town Hall.

For those who cannot attend the public information session, the assessors will field comments by phone from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. the day before (Sunday, 12/12/2010). The team can be reached at (804) 412-0609 during this time.

To ensure that all interested parties are able to comment, all telephone comments and appearances should be limited to 10 minutes and must be limited to the Police Department's ability to comply with these professional standards. A copy of these standards is available at the Police Department.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Police Department in this respect, may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155.

Currently, only 24 law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth of Virginia hold international accreditation status through CALEA. This represents less than 6% of all agencies in the Commonwealth. Currently, the Ashland Police Department is the smallest agency in the state to reach that status. For more information on international accreditation, please visit www.calea.org.

If you have questions, or need further information, please do not hesitate to call on Ms. Cheryl Bookwalter at 412-0602.