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News Release

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive April 24, 2004 to examine all aspects of the Connecticut State Police Department policy and procedures, management, operations and support services.

The Connecticut State Police have been involved in the process since 1985. The Agency was originally accredited in 1988 and re-accredited in 1993, 1998 and 2001. Maintaining this status is an on-going project and requires constant monitoring and updating of policies and procedures to assure compliance with internationally accepted law enforcement standards. Verification by the team that the Connecticut State Police meet the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of the voluntary process to gain reaccreditation – a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

The Connecticut State Police was the second law enforcement agency in Connecticut and the third state police agency in the country to receive International Law Enforcement Accreditation. There are over 600 Accredited agencies in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Barbados. Of the law enforcement agencies in Connecticut, 14 are internationally accredited.

As part of the on-site assessment, a toll free telephone number has been established to invite agency employees and members of the public to offer comments to the assessment team. The public may call (866) 593-1363 on Monday, April 26, 2004 between the hours of 9a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Connecticut State Police must comply with 444 standards in order to gain re-accredited status. The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar but out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals and visit troops and units where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors are: Major William Munday of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol (team leader); Major William McMahon of the Howard County, MD Department of Police, and Chief Charles Kellar of the Harrisburg, PA Bureau of Police. Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted re-accreditation status.

Accreditation will then be for three years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting to continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the State Police's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) at 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, VA 22030-2215 or call (800) 368-3757.

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