



## FLORISSANT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Timothy J. Lowery, Chief of Police

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## **FLORISSANT POLICE DEPARTMENT SEEKS “GOLD STANDARD” RE-ACCREDITATION by CALEA**

### **ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chief Timothy Lowery announced today that the Florissant Police Department will undergo assessment by a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The assessment team will arrive on December 7<sup>TH</sup> to examine all aspects of the Florissant Police Department's policies and procedures, operations, and support services.

Verification by the team that the Florissant Police Department meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process by the department to maintain the international accreditation that the department first attained in 2001. Chief Lowery stated that accreditation is recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

As an element of the on-site assessment, department employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2015. The session will be held in the Council Chambers of the Florissant City Hall, 955 Rue St. Francois, Florissant.

If an individual cannot attend the session but wishes to provide comments to the assessment team, he or she may do so by telephone. Comments may be made to the assessors between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8th, 2015 by calling 314-830-6012.

A copy of the standards is available for review at the Florissant Police Department. For information regarding the standards or the accreditation process, please contact Captain

Randy Boden at 314-830-6014 or Sergeant Kyle Lewis at 314-830-6015

Persons interested in submitting written comments about the Florissant Police Department's compliance with the standards for accreditation are requested to write: the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155-6660 or on-line at <http://www.calea.org/content/contact-form>.

The assessment team is comprised of law enforcement practitioners from out-of-state agencies. The assessment team will be led by Chief Carl Schinner of the La Plata (MD) Police Department. The second team member is Chief of Investigations Karen Ashley of the Maricopa County (AZ) Attorney's Office.

The assessors will review written materials, interview employees, observe practices and inspect facilities where compliance with the standards can be witnessed. Once the assessment team completes the review of the agency they will report to the full Commission which will then determine if the Florissant Police Department should retain accreditation status. The final decision on re-accreditation will be made in March 2016.

Accreditation is valid for three years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was accredited. Chief Lowery added that the Florissant Police Department must demonstrate ongoing compliance with up to 480 individual standards in order to remain accredited. The Chief added, "Accreditation confirms the professional status of the Florissant Police Department and insures that the residents of Florissant receive delivery of the very best police services possible."

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