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The Hampton Police Division Receives its' Eighth CALEA Accreditation Award

On November 16, 2013, the Hampton Police Division received its' eighth accreditation award at the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) conference which took place in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The Hampton Police Division was first accredited in 1988. For an agency to be accredited, it must voluntarily comply with a set of standards created by CALEA. These standards demonstrate an agency's commitment to excellence in law enforcement. During the month of August, the Division underwent an on-site review which was the final steps toward achieving reaccreditation. This review consisted of a team of CALEA assessors that examined all aspects of the Hampton Police Division's policies, procedures, management, operations, and support services. This assessment was conducted over a period of four days and included an agency tour, a display of vehicles and equipment, public comments, employee interviews and file review.

CALEA was formed in 1979, through the combined efforts of the National Organization for Black Law Enforcement Officers (NOBLE), the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the National Sheriffs Association (NSA), and the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF). Executives from these four agencies appoint 21 individuals from law enforcement agencies and other areas of the public and private sector to form the commission. CALEA is a nonprofit organization. It is not part of, or obligated to, any governmental agency. CALEA's authority is derived solely from the voluntary participation of law enforcement agencies in the accreditation program.

Sergeant Jason Price will receive questions about this release at 757-727-6638.

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