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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Chesapeake Police Department is scheduled for a virtual on-site assessment as part of a program to achieve accreditation by verifying it meets professional standards.

Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA), the accreditation program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

As part of the virtual on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Monday, March 8, 2021, between 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. The session will be conducted at Chesapeake Police Headquarters located at 304 Albemarle Drive.

Agency employees and the public who are not able to attend the public information session are also invited to offer comments by calling (757) 382-6557 on Tuesday, March 8, 2021 between 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Comments will be taken by the assessment team.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available at Chesapeake Police Department Headquarters. Contact Professional Standards Manager Susan Leonard at (757) 382-8227 or sleonard@cityofchesapeake.net for an appointment to view the standards prior to the public hearing.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Chesapeake Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155 or by email to calea@calea.org.