

Police Department Reaccredited as a Flagship Agency

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Police Chief Scott Cunningham announced today that the Winston-Salem Police Department was re-accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. (CALEA) for the fifth consecutive time on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at a conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah. The department was originally accredited in 1997.

Reaccredited status was unanimously awarded by the entire CALEA Commission after interviewing Chief Cunningham and reviewing a report submitted by an assessment team who visited the Winston-Salem Police Department in late August, 2009. In addition, the Commission selected the Winston-Salem Police Department as a CALEA Flagship Agency. According to Sylvester Daughtry Jr., Executive Director of CALEA, “A Flagship Agency represents an extraordinary example of excellence in public safety and is recognized as a potential resource for future and current CALEA clients”.

“The Winston-Salem Police Department complies with 299 applicable mandatory accreditation standards, and 62 applicable other than mandatory standards in order to maintain accredited status,” said Chief Cunningham. Chief Cunningham stated, “Being re-accredited confirms our belief in delivering high quality professional service, and verifies our continued compliance with the leading set of standards in the law enforcement profession. Agency personnel should be proud of their continuing efforts, while citizens should be pleased that their police department is among the most professional in the country.”

In an effort to provide information, improve transparency, and build community trust, the Winston-Salem Police Department has placed the CALEA assessment report on its website www.wspd.org.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., please write the Commission at 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 320, Fairfax, VA, 22030-2201; or call (800) 368-3757 or (703) 352-4225; or visit www.calea.org.

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