



# **SHERIFF**

## **SEMINOLE COUNTY**

### **NEWS ADVISORY**

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

Seminole Co. Fla.-(July 23, 2013)-A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive on Saturday, July 27, 2013, to examine aspects of Seminole County Sheriff's Office policies and procedures, management, operations and support services related to its telecommunications services.

Verification by the assessment team that the Sheriff's Office meets the Commission's nationally recognized state-of-the-art risk management standards is part of a voluntary process to retain accreditation.

Sheriff's Office employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments to the assessment team by telephone on Sunday, July 28, 2013, between the hours of 2:00PM and 4:00PM. The telephone number is (407) 665-2641. Comments should be limited to ten minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Seminole County Sheriff's Office's ability to meet the standards for telecommunications accreditation are asked to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155.

The Accreditation Manager for the Sheriff's Office Communication Division is Nicole S. Cameron. The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from out-of-state agencies who will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other areas where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors are Captain Alfred Miller of Prince William County Police Department, Manassas, Virginia and Mr. Mark Theurer of Plano Public Safety Communications Plano, Texas. Once the assessors complete their review they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the Sheriff's Office Communications Division is to be granted re-accredited status.

Accreditation is for three years, during which time the Sheriff's Office must submit annual reports attesting to its continued compliance with the standards under which it was initially accredited. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office Telecommunications Section was first accredited in 2007.