

BENSENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive March 4, 2019, to conduct an assessment examining all aspects of the Bensenville Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. Verification by the team that the Bensenville Police Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain initial CALEA Accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence. The Bensenville Police Department has been accredited through ILEAP since 2015.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. The public may call (630) 594-1099 on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 5, 2019, between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Following the call-in session, at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, a Public Information Forum will be held in the Village Board Room located at the Village Hall, 12 S Center St., Bensenville, Illinois, to allow all interested persons to speak directly with the CALEA assessors.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the Public Information Forum are limited to ten (10) minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available for review at the Bensenville Police Department. The local contact for the Accreditation and Compliance Coordinator Sergeant Juliann Wilson is (630) 350-3469. Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Bensenville Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation may write to: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155. Comments may be submitted electronically by email to calea@calea.org.

The assessment process will be conducted by Commissioner William Bleyle of the Onondaga County Department of Emergency Communications, New York, and Deputy Chief Christopher Ciuci of the Berlin, Connecticut, Police Department. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and conduct a facility inspection for evidence of compliance. Once the assessors complete their review of the agency, they will report back to the Commission, who will then decide if the police department will be granted accreditation status. Accreditation is for four years, during which time the police department will submit annual reports documenting continued compliance with standards.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., write the Commission at the above address, visit their web site at www.calea.org, or call (703) 352-4225.



Chief Daniel Schulze

February 7, 2019

Date