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## METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **CALEA® Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comments** *Police Training Academy seeking re-accreditation*

**St. Louis, Mo.** – The Metropolitan Police Department announced today that a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) will be on-site from November 6-9 to examine all aspects of the Training Academy's policies, procedures, management, operations and services.

Verification by the team that the department meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain CALEA re-accreditation, which recognizes departments with professional excellence.

**As part of the on-site assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments by calling (314) 444-1275 on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Comments will be received by the assessment team.**

Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's Training Academy Standards.

The assessment team is composed of public safety officials from similar departments around the country. The assessors for the on-site visit are Captain Jeffery Pierce from the Oklahoma City Police Department and Assistant Chief Eric Robins from the Sugar Land (Texas) Police Department. The assessors will review written material, interview individuals and visit areas of the department where compliance can be witnessed.

The assessors will report their findings to the full commission and a decision will be made to grant or deny re-accreditation. Accreditation is for four years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department received its initial CALEA Law Enforcement Accreditation award in 2007 and was re-accredited in 2010, 2013 and 2016. The department's Training Academy was accredited in 2012 and re-accredited in 2015 and its Communications Division was accredited in 2013 and re-accredited in 2016. The department received the CALEA

Tri-Arc Award in August 2013, reflecting the holding of three concurrent CALEA accreditations and is one of only a few agencies internationally with that distinction.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Training Academy's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write to CALEA at 13575 Heathcote Blvd, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia, 20155, call (703) 352-4225 or e-mail [calea@calea.org](mailto:calea@calea.org).

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