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**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**Metropolitan Police Department Again Recognized as Elite Law Enforcement Agency with Renewal of CALEA® Accreditation**

Chief of Police Dan Isom announced today that the Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis (“the department”) has successfully completed its re-accreditation process and been awarded Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation by CALEA®, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc (“the Commission”). The accreditation was awarded this evening in Bethesda, Maryland as Chief Isom appeared before the Commission at CALEA’s® Spring Conference. The department was previously awarded a full three-year accreditation in November of 2007. This second accreditation expires in November of 2013.

CALEA® was established in 1979 by the four major law enforcement executive associations: International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP); National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE); National Sheriffs’ Association (NSA); and Police Executive Research Forum (PERF). The Commission was established in part to administer an accreditation process through which law enforcement agencies could demonstrate they meet professionally recognized criteria for excellence.

Agencies accredited by CALEA® participate in an extensive process that involves reviews of the agency’s policies, procedures, management, operations and support services. In December of 2010 CALEA® assessors also accepted comments and observations from the public and conducted an on-site review of the agencies compliance with 464 CALEA® standards.

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