



NEWS MEDIA RELEASE WILMETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment:

Wilmette, Illinois, November 15, 2021 - A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will conduct a virtual assessment on November 29- December 1, 2021, to examine all aspects of the Wilmette Police Department policy and procedures, management, operations and support services, Chief of Police Kyle Murphy, announced today.

Verification by the team that the Wilmette Police Department meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation, a highly prized recognition of public safety professional excellence, he said.

As a part of the on-site assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a Public Hearing session on Monday November 29, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. The session will be conducted remotely via Microsoft Teams.

Agency employees and the public are also invited to offer comments by calling 872-239-8225 on Monday November 29, 2021, between the hours of 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Comments will be taken by the assessment team. Instructions for joining both sessions are listed below:

Public Comment (3:00 – 5:00 pm) [872-239-8225](tel:872-239-8225) Phone Conference ID: 719 679 465#

Public Hearing (5:00 – 6:00 pm) [872-239-8225](tel:872-239-8225) Phone Conference ID: 301 692 287#

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards. A copy of the standards are available for review at the Wilmette's Police Department. The local contact is Administration Manager Emma Perley at 1- 847-920-3508.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Wilmette Police Department and their ability to meet the standards for accreditation is requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155.

The Wilmette Police Department must comply with 490 standards in order to gain accredited status, Chief Murphy said. Once the CALEA Assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., please visit www.calea.org