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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), will arrive in Centennial on August 19, 2006, to examine all aspects of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

Verification by the team that the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain reaccreditation, which is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on August 21, 2006 at 7:00 pm. The session will be conducted in the Community Room of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Headquarters at 13101 East Broncos Parkway, Centennial, Colorado 80112.

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he or she may do so by telephone. The public may call 720.874.4146 on August 21, 2006, between the hours of 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

Telephone comments, as well as, appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes, and must address the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office. The local contact is Accreditation Manager Sue Relihan at 720.874.4174.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write:

Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA)  
10306 Eaton Place, Suite 320  
Fairfax, VA 22030-2201

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The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office has to comply with 412 applicable standards in order to gain reaccredited status. The Accreditation Program Manager for the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office is Sue Relihan at 720.874.4174.

The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, observe activities, and interact with agency representatives in order to witness compliance with the standards.

For additional information, please contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 720.874.4165.

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