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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 22, 2009, to examine all aspects of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

The voluntary compliance with CALEA performance standards helps ensure that the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office continues to enhance the critical partnership with the community, focusing on effective and efficient public safety services. The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office is required to comply with 412 applicable standards in order to gain re-accreditation status. The CALEA assessment team will be reviewing written materials, interviewing individuals, observing activities, and interacting with agency representatives, in order to verify compliance with each CALEA standard. CALEA assessors are comprised of law enforcement practitioners from other out-of-state, CALEA accredited, agencies.

As part of the on-site assessment process, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments to the CALEA assessment team. Comments will be limited to 10 minutes in length and must address the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office's ability to comply with CALEA standards. To obtain a copy of the CALEA standards, contact the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Accreditation Manager, Sue Relihan, at 720.874.4174.

There are three different ways to submit your comments:

- o Attending a public information session on Monday, August 24, 2009, at 7:00 pm. The session will be conducted in the Community Room of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Administration Building, located at 13101 East Broncos Parkway, Centennial, Colorado 80112.

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- Calling the assessment team at 720.874.4146, on Sunday August 23, 2009, between the hours of 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm.
- Writing to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., at 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 320, Fairfax, VA 22030-2201.

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

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