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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 21, 2010, to examine all aspects of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office's Communication Center services.

The voluntary compliance with CALEA performance standards helps ensure that the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Communications Center continues to enhance the critical partnership with the community. The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Communication Center is required to comply with over 200 state-of-the-art communications standards in six areas including organization, direction and authority, human resources, recruitment and selection, training, and operations. 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 communication 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's communication standards. To obtain a copy of the standards, contact the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Accreditation Manager, Ken McKlem, at 720.874.3812.

There are two different ways to submit your comments:

- Calling the assessment team at 720.874.3911, on Sunday August 22, 2010, between the hours of 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm.; or
- Writing to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Gainesville, VA 20155.

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

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