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PRESS RELEASE

ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), will arrive virtually July 19, 2021, to examine the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Communications Center (HRECC) policies, procedures, operations, and support services, Director Courtney Doberstein announced today.

Verification by the team that the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Communication Center meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to maintain accreditation – “a highly prized recognition of public safety communications excellence”, Director Doberstein stated.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments by calling 540-432-6090 on Monday, July 19, 2021, between the hours of 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM. Comments will be taken by the assessment team.

Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Public Safety Building by calling 540-434-4436.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the HRECC's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Blvd, Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155.

“HRECC must continuously comply with over two hundred rigorous standards in order to maintain accredited status,” Director Doberstein stated. Doberstein further explained that “accreditation provides official recognition of the dedication and hard work of professionals here at HRECC who work tirelessly 24-hours a day, 7-days a week to assist our community in emergency situations”.

Accreditation is for four years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., please write the Commission at 13575 Heathcoat Blvd, Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155; or call (703) 352-4225.