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## **INFORMATION RELEASE**

### **CALEA Accreditation On-Site for Re-accreditation**

Assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), will arrive on December 07, 2014 to examine all aspects of the Rockford Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations and support services. Verification by the assessors that the Rockford Police Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation.

The purpose of CALEA's Law Enforcement Accreditation Program is to improve the delivery of public safety services. This is accomplished primarily by maintaining a body of standards developed by public safety practitioners covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives, establishing and administering an accreditation process, and recognizing professional excellence.

The Rockford Police Department earned initial accreditation in 2009 and was awarded re-accreditation in 2012. We are proud to be member of approximately 5% of law enforcement agencies who have received accreditation through CALEA.

Agency members and the public are also invited to offer comments by calling (815) 961-3225 on Monday, December 8th, between the hours of 1-3 pm. For the hearing-impaired, a T.T.Y. line at the Rockford Police Department is available at (815) 967-7052. Members of the assessment team will take comments.

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 Monday, December 8th, 2014 from 3-5 pm. The session will be conducted at Henrietta School, 200 N. Johnston Avenue, Rockford, IL 61101.

Telephone comments, as well as appearances at the Public Information Session, are limited to ten minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Rockford Police Department website at [www.rockfordil.gov](http://www.rockfordil.gov)



Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Rockford Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155.

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