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RPD SEEK PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ACCREDITATION PROCESS

Accreditation Assessment Team to Hold Public Forums starting December 11, 2011

ROCKFORD- December 5, 2011- As the final step in concluding an approximately three-year reaccreditation process, the City of Rockford Police Department has invited a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) to examine all aspects of the Rockford Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations and support services. The CALEA assessors will arrive on December 11, 2011. The analysis is expected to last approximately four days.

As part of the on-site assessment, the public and agency employees are invited to offer comments on the agency's services and performance at a public information session on Sunday, December 11, 2011, 2-4 p.m. The session will be conducted at the Patriot's Gateway Community Center, 615 South Fifth Street, Rockford, Illinois.

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/she may do so by telephone. The public may call (815)961-3225 on Monday, December 12, 2011, between the hours of 1-3 p.m. For the hearing impaired, call the Rockford Police Department T.T.Y. at (815) 967-7052.

The telephone comments as well as those made at the public information session are limited to ten minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the Commission's Standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Rockford Police Department Accreditation Office. For further information, call Deputy Chief Michael Booker at (815) 987-5839.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Rockford Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155.