

PUBLIC NOTICE

BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT



Police CALEA® Accreditation Public Meeting

The Bismarck Police Department is pleased to announce that a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) will arrive on Monday, June 5, 2017 to conduct a Gold Standard Assessment. Assessors will examine all aspects of the Bismarck Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

The assessment team will verify that the Bismarck Police Department continues to meet CALEA's state-of-the-art standards for law enforcement agencies as part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation — a highly prized recognition of public safety professional excellence.

The Bismarck Police Department voluntarily participates in this process by complying with standards established by the commission in order to gain accredited status. The standards cover virtually all areas of the police department's operations, including patrol, investigations, communications, finance, recruiting, personnel and training. The BPD first became accredited by the commission in 1991, and has maintained this accredited status continuously since that date. This will be our eighth CALEA re-accreditation.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session starting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday June 6, 2017, at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, located at 515 N. 5th St, meeting Room "C" (lower level).

Persons who can't attend the public meeting but would like to provide comments to the assessment team may do so by calling 701-355-1980 between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, 2017. This is an unrecorded line and comments will be taken by assessment team members. You may also e-mail your comments directly to the CALEA Commission at calea@calea.org. Please put "Bismarck (ND) P. D. On-Site" in the subject line.

Telephone comments, as well as comments at the public meeting, are limited to 10 minutes and must address the Bismarck Police Department's ability to comply with CALEA standards.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Bismarck Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation may also send them to: CALEA, 13575 Heathcote Blvd, Suite 320, Gainesville, Va., 20155. The CALEA Program Manager for the Bismarck Police Department is Tim Baysinger.

The assessment team is composed of public safety practitioners from outside of North Dakota, who are specially trained in CALEA's standards. The team members come from agencies that are similar to the Bismarck Police Department in size and function. These assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other locations where compliance can be witnessed.

The assessors are:

Team Leader – Bruce Robertson, Chief, Centerville Police Department, Centerville Ohio

Team Member – Ms. Tamara Bulla, Director of Research and Planning, Howard County Police Department, Ellicott City, Maryland.

Once the CALEA assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, who will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status. Should the commission award accredited status to the Bismarck Police Department; it will be the department's 9th award.

For more information regarding CALEA, write the Commission at: 13575 Heathcote Blvd, Suite 320, Gainesville, Va., 20155; call 703-352-4225; or visit www.Calea.org.