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“Accreditation Assessment Team to Visit Sheriff’s Office, Invites Public Comment”

Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland, April 20, 2009 ---- Sheriff Kenneth L. Tregoning is pleased to announce that a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), will arrive April 25, 2009 to examine all aspects of the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office policy & procedures, management, operations, and support services.

Verification by the team of assessors that the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office meets the Commission’s state of the art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation – a highly prized recognition of public safety professional excellence.

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 April 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM. The session will be conducted in the Board Hearing Room located at the Carroll County Public Schools Building, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland.

If you are unable to attend the public information session, but would still like to speak with the assessment team, you may call the CALEA Assessors directly at 410-386-2600 on Sunday April 26, 2009 between the hours of 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM.

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 Carroll County Sheriff’s Office by contacting Major Phil Kasten at 410-386-2759.

Persons wishing to submit written comments about the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office’s ability to comply with the standards for Law Enforcement Accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, VA, 22030-2201.

The Carroll County Sheriff’s Office received initial accreditation from CALEA during July 2006 after complying with (394) core accreditation standards. Law Enforcement Accreditation Status is granted for three years, during which accredited agencies must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited. This assessment will be the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office first on-site assessment conducted since receiving the initial award.

The Accreditation Program Manager for the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office is Mr. Stephen Mitchell, who reports that the assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar, but out-of-state law enforcement agencies. During their visit, the assessors will review written materials, conduct interviews, and visit offices and other locations where compliance can be witnessed.

The assessors are: Team Leader - Manager Randy Cripe and Lieutenant Darryl Daniels. Once the assessor’s review of the Sheriff’s Office is complete, a report will be forwarded to the full Commission, who will then decide if the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office is to be granted accredited status.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. please call or write the Commission at 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, VA, 22030-2201, 1-800-368-3757; or visit them on the web at www.calea.org.

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