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### **“Sheriff’s Office receives second award for national Law Enforcement Accreditation”**

Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland, August 5, 2009 ---- Sheriff Kenneth L. Tregoning is pleased to announce that on August 1, 2009, the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office successfully completed the process for reaccreditation with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The award of “Law Enforcement Accreditation” is granted to only those agencies who are willing and able to demonstrate compliance with the Commission’s standards, which are developed through intensive research as the “best practices” in law enforcement.

Following an initial award in July 2006, the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office has worked diligently to maintain a high level of performance and professionalism. Policies were improved and documentation was collected to verify that during these past three years, the agency has remained in compliance with CALEA standards. This compliance was verified by an impartial team of CALEA Assessors, who conducted an extensive review of the agency by viewing documentation, meeting with agency personnel, and listening to comments from the public. In a letter presented to Sheriff Tregoning during CALEA’s award ceremony this past weekend, the Commission’s Executive Director, Mr. Sylvester Daughtry, Jr. stated that the award “...represents your agency’s ongoing acceptance of the obligation to continue the quest for professional excellence...”

In addition to receiving the award for reaccreditation, another accomplishment was recognized at the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agency’s summer conference. Major Phil Kasten, who has served as the Accreditation Manager for the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office since 2003, was certified as a CALEA Assessor. Completing training at the top of his class, Major Kasten will now be called upon to assist in evaluating other law enforcement agencies throughout the country.

The Carroll County Sheriff’s Office next on-site evaluation will take place in the Spring of 2012, and preparations for that on-site evaluation have already begun. Through dedicated self-evaluation with the CALEA process, the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office will always be looking to improve policies, procedures, and practices, resulting in continued professional and effective law enforcement service to Carroll County.

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