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WINTER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT THE WINTER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Winter Park: A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive December 4, 2018 to examine all aspects of the Winter Park Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief Michael Deal announced today. The Winter Park Police Department has to comply with approximately 260 standards in order to receive accredited status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health and safety issues.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. A copy of the standards is available through the Winter Park Police Department from Administrative Division Chief Jeff Biles at 407-599-3380.

For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the Winter Park Police Department's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please write to: CFA, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, or email to info@flaccreditation.org.

The Accreditation Program Manager for the Winter Park Police Department is Karen Gilbert. The on-site assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from around the State. The assessors will review written materials; interview individuals; and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The CFA Assessment Team Leader is Captain Jerry Rothman of the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office. Other team members are Ms. Wendy Dorival from the Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University Police Department and Sgt. Gary Gambino from the Collier County Sheriff's Office.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, who will then decide if the agency is to receive accredited status. Winter Park's accreditation is for 3 years. Verification by the team that the Winter Park Police Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain or maintain accreditation - a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.