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SANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES RE-ACCREDITATION

On Thursday, September 27, 2012 the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) unanimously voted to grant the Sanford Police Department its reaccreditation status.

This followed a review committee hearing where committee members voted to recommendation the re-accreditation. At the committee hearing an assessment report was reviewed, with the committee members observing that assessors who traveled to Sanford in July for the on-site examination were highly impressed with the policies and procedures in place at the Sanford Police Department (SPD).

During the on-site assessment, files for each of the 256 standards were examined for proofs of compliance throughout the three year reaccreditation period. The assessors, all of which are law enforcement professionals, scrutinize policies, procedures, practices and documentation on every aspect of the police department's operations. The review is comprehensive and includes inspections of all areas of the department and interviews of personnel to ensure compliance and proof that practice matches policy. The Sanford PD was first accredited by CFA in 2005, and reaccredited in 2008. Sanford PD was granted an extension into 2012 due to the construction and transition into a new Public Safety building. Members of the Commission commented on how remarkable this achievement was for SPD.

It was widely acknowledged that the community of Sanford and its police department had faced significant adversity throughout the reaccreditation process, with the transition of its building, the multiple police chiefs/acting chiefs during the period, and the international attention surrounding more than one high profile investigation. Despite these challenges, the Commission related that the Sanford Police Department had a "stellar" review. Interim Chief Richard W. Myers told the Commission that the Department has stayed focused on its mission throughout the ordeals largely thanks to the strong foundation of a solid infrastructure that comes with accreditation status. Myers is a Commissioner on the international Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) that the Florida process was patterned after.

Mayor Jeff Triplett and City Manager Norton Bonaparte, Jr. attended the committee hearing and the Commission meeting where the award was presented. "At a time when the world is watching the Sanford Police Department's every move, the men and women of the department once again demonstrated their professionalism and commitment to excellence", said Mayor Triplett.

The accreditation team for Sanford PD was led by Accreditation Manager, Officer Jane Noyes and her assistant, Pete Loomis. The team was supported by their supervisor, Lt. Jim McAuliffe and received additional support from Administrative Services Manager, James Krzenski, a former accreditation manager. The reaccreditation coincides with the Department receiving funding to fill a non-sworn, civilian Accreditation Manager position.

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