



# PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **Accreditation Assessment Team for Criminal Justice Academy Invites Public Comment**

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA . . . A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive **Aug. 1, 2009**, to examine all aspects of the Prince William County Police Department Criminal Justice Academy's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

"Verification by the CALEA team that the Prince William County Police Department Criminal Justice Academy meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation" stated, Captain Alfred E. Miller, director of the Criminal Justice Academy. "CALEA Accreditation is a highly prized recognition of professional excellence."

Public Safety employees and the public are invited to offer comments on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009, by calling 703-792-4494 between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Criminal Justice Academy by contacting the Accreditation/Curriculum Manager at 703-792-4471.

Individuals wishing to offer written comments about the Prince William County Police Department Criminal Justice Academy's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 320, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2201.

The accreditation program manager for the Criminal Justice Academy is Jan Judy. She said the assessment team is composed of practitioners from out-of-state law enforcement agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors are: George Carpenter, the retired Chief of Police from Wilmette (Ill.) Police Department; and Lieutenant Michael Gann from the Arlington (Texas) Police Department. Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status.

The Criminal Justice Academy has to comply with 182 standards in order to gain accredited status. Accreditation is for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

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