



State of New Mexico

Department of Public Safety

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State Police Seek Highest Standards/Accreditation

Santa Fe-- A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (C.A.L.E.A.) will arrive in Santa Fe on April 26, 2008, to examine all aspects of the New Mexico State Police including: policy, procedures, management, operation, and support services as part of an onsite assessment.

Law enforcement professionals from state agencies around the country will be in Santa Fe April 26 – May 1 to assess our Department's compliance with state-of-the-art law enforcement standards. The State Police administration has invited these auditors for this review in an effort to raise the agency's level of professionalism to the highest standards in law enforcement.

"Engaging in the CALEA process will hold the agency accountable by establishing sound policies based on best practices from the international police community. We will be joining the elite few who have achieved this exhaustive yet rewarding accreditation process." said Chief Faron Segotta.

The State Police embarked on the mission of achieving accreditation reach the highest level of professionalism. Achieving accreditation will bring the State Police into a very select group of agencies worldwide. Only two other agencies in the State of New Mexico are CALEA Accredited and only about 1% of law enforcement agencies nationwide obtain and maintain CALEA Accreditation.

"This mission is a difficult one, but one well worth the effort." Said Chief Segotta.

As part of the on-site assessment, members of the community and agency employees are invited to offer comments to the assessment team by calling (505) 827-9648 or (800) 521-9911 (Toll Free Statewide) on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 pm. 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 for viewing at any New Mexico State Police District office. The Accreditation Manager for the State Police is Lt. Robert San Roman, telephone (505) 841-8053.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the New Mexico State Police's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the following address:

Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA)
10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100
Fairfax, VA 22030-2215

E-mail to: calea@calea.org, or visit the website at: www.calea.org for further information.

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