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State Police Join Top 1% of World Wide Law Enforcement Agencies

Santa Fe—The State Police joins the top 1 % of law enforcement agencies in the world. The department has received the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) accreditation.

James M. Odell and Sylvester Daughtry Jr., CALEA Commission chair and executive Director write to Chief Faron Segotta: "On behalf of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, inc. we commend you and the New Mexico State Police for demonstrating commitment to professional law enforcement in policy and practice. Your agency's accreditation represents the satisfactory completion of a process of thorough, agency wide self-evaluation, concluded by an exacting outside review by a team of independent assessors."

Chief Segotta said, "This voluntary process has been one of the biggest projects the state police have been involved in. I am extremely pleased to join an elite group of law enforcement agencies globally who have received CALEA accreditation."

To receive accreditation the state police had to demonstrate compliance with 459 Law Enforcement Standards. These standards are derived from best practices in the law enforcement community, worldwide. The state police have been in the process for four years and received accreditation in July at the CALEA summer conference in Boca Raton, Florida.

The commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc only recognizes law enforcement agencies that have met the requirements of professional excellence. Accreditation is awarded to only 1 % of law enforcement agencies world wide and there are only eight highway patrol and nine state police agencies that have received accreditation.

On Monday October 6th Chief Faron W. Segotta will be conducting a press conference regarding the accreditation from CALEA.

When: October 6th, 2008 at 11:00 AM

Where: DPS/State Police Headquarters
4491 Cerrillos Rd. Santa Fe, NM

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