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NEWS RELEASE

Police Department Invites Public Comment for Accreditation Assessment

(Buffalo Grove, IL) – Buffalo Grove Police Chief Steven R. Casstevens has announced a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will examine all aspects of the Buffalo Grove Police Department's policies, procedures, management, field operations and support services. The assessment will start on Monday December 7 and end Wednesday December 9, 2020.

"National accreditation is a voluntary process in which we allow our police department to be scrutinized by an assessment team and held to the highest law enforcement standards. This process will assist in ensuring we are in a position to provide the utmost level of service to our community," Chief Casstevens said. "This will be the ninth reaccreditation for the Buffalo Grove Police Department and the tenth overall assessment of the agency."

As part of the assessment, department employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Tuesday December 8, 2020 from 2 – 4 p.m. The session will be conducted remotely; the public may call **224-636-6773** to provide comments to the assessment team during the designated hours.

Telephone comments at the public information session are limited to ten minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards. Those interested may contact Deputy Chief Michael Szos at 847-459-2560 to arrange to view the standards, which are available at the police department, 46 Raupp Boulevard in Buffalo Grove.

Persons wishing to offer written comments or seek further information about department's ability to meet these standards are requested to write to: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155

The Accreditation Manager for the Buffalo Grove Police Department is Sergeant Robert Broussard. The assessment team is composed of law enforcement professionals from similar, but out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, conduct interviews of personnel and community members, and view an in-depth video about the



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department. The certified CALEA Assessors assigned to Buffalo Grove's assessment are Chief Gary Vest (Team Leader) and Retired Commander Pamela Kunz.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they will report back to the full commission, who will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status, Sergeant Broussard stated.

Accreditation is for a four-year period during which the agency must submit annual reports, as well as participate in remote checks showing continued compliance with standards applicable to the agency.

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