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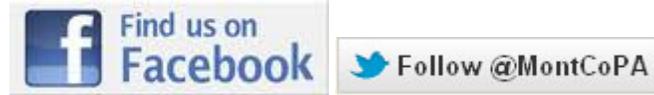
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## **Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment**

**Eagleville, PA (August 11, 2014)** – A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) will arrive August 17, 2014 to examine all aspects of Montgomery County Department of Public Safety's Communications Division, including policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

Verification by the team that the Communications Division meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to maintain Accreditation---a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments through a telephone call-in session on Wednesday, August 19, 2014 between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. The public may call (610) 631-1848 during these times.

Telephone comments should be limited to 10 minutes per caller and must address the Communications Division's ability to comply with CALEA® communications standards. Copies of the communications standards are available from the Accreditation Manager, Annamaria Mastrocola, who can be reached at (610) 631-6500.

Those wishing to offer written comments about the Communications Division's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155.

The Communications Division must comply with the Commission's 213 standards in order to gain the CALEA® accreditation. Accreditation is an acknowledgement that symbolizes professionalism, excellence, and competence in the field of Emergency Communications.

The Interim Accreditation Program Manager for the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety's Communications Division is Mark S. Mosier. The assessment team is composed of public safety practitioners from similar, out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed.

The assessors are: Captain Alfred Miller (Team Leader) and Ms. Dana Craig (Team Member). Once the CALEA® Assessors complete their review of the Communications Division, they will report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status.

Accreditation is for three years, during which the Communications Division must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., please write the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155; or call (703) 352-4225 or email [calea@calea.org](mailto:calea@calea.org).