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Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

Norristown, PA (June 9, 2017) – A team of assessors from the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) will arrive July 24, 2017 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 gain 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, July 26, 2017 from 2 to 4 p.m. The public may call 610-631-5098 during this time.

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 610-631-6532.

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 Accreditation Program Manager for the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety’s Communications

Division is Paul MacMillan. 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: Deputy Chief John McQueeney (Ret.) (team leader) and Ms. Michelle Provencher (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.