

# NEWS

## TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE

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### WOODBIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT SET TO RENEW NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

#### **PUBLIC INVITED TO OFFER COMMENT AT DEC. 13 PUBLIC MEETING**

**Woodbridge** – The Woodbridge Police Department (WPD) today announced that the department is in the process of reevaluation by the National Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and that the CALEA team will undertake a full-scale examination of all aspects of the WPD's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services beginning Dec. 11, 2010.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comment at a public information session scheduled for **Mon., Dec. 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Woodbridge Township Main Library meeting room, First Floor, 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge.**

“Verification by the team that the WPD 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,” said Chief William Trenery. “Accreditation is very important as it represents a way of measuring the WPD against nationally recognized standards, while fitting perfectly with the Township's commitment to continued professionalism.”

Chief Trenery noted that the WPD must comply with more than 460 standards in order to achieve re-accreditation status. Accreditation is for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited. The Woodbridge Police Department was initially accredited in March 1999.

According to Captain Margaret Schmidt, Accreditation Manager for the Woodbridge Township Police Department, the assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar, but out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other locations where compliance can be witnessed. The CALEA assessors are: Chief Michael Bussiere, Lewiston, Maine and LT. Margaret Carroll, Manassas, Virginia.

Township residents unavailable to attend the public information session, but would like to offer comment, may contact the assessment team at 732-589-4372 between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 P.M. on Sun., Dec.

12, 2010. Telephone comment, as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to ten minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Woodbridge Township Police Department Headquarters, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, or by contacting Capt. Schmidt at (732) 634-7700, extension 2335.

Persons wishing to offer written comment about the WPD's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., 13575 Heathcote Boulevard Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155, or via e-mail at: [mmitchell@calea.org](mailto:mmitchell@calea.org) (subject line "Woodbridge NJ Police Department.") For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., write the Commission at: 13575 Heathcote Boulevard Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155; call 1-800-368-3757 or (703) 352-4225; or via e-mail at: [mmitchell@calea.org](mailto:mmitchell@calea.org) (subject line "Woodbridge NJ Police Department.")

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