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WOODBRIIDGE P.D. TO HOST PUBLIC MEETING

Woodbridge Police Department Seeking Public Comment as part of National Accreditation Process... Public Invited to Dec. 10 Community Meeting

WOODBRIIDGE – Mayor John E. McCormac today announced that as part of the national police accreditation process, the Woodbridge Police Department will be seeking community comment at a public information session scheduled for Mon., Dec. 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The session will be conducted in the Municipal Council meeting room located on the first floor of Town Hall, One Main Street, Woodbridge.

Woodbridge Police Chief William Trenery noted that the community meeting will be monitored by a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) and is part of the Woodbridge Police Department's ongoing accreditation process. CALEA is reviewing all aspects of the Woodbridge Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

Public comment will be limited to ten minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. Residents unable to attend the public session and who wish to offer comment to the assessment team may do so by calling (732) 726-2366 on Sun., Dec. 9 between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Woodbridge Township Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 320, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-2201, or E-mail to mmitchell@calea.org, subject line "Woodbridge NJ Police Department." A copy of the standards is available at the Woodbridge Township Police Headquarters, located at 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, New Jersey. Local contact is Captain Margaret Schmidt at (732) 634-7700, extension 2335.

"The Woodbridge Township Police Department has to comply with more than 400 standards in order to achieve re-accredited status," Chief Trenery said. "Accreditation is very important to the Woodbridge Township Police Department because it is a way of measuring itself against nationally recognized standards and fits perfectly with the Township's commitment to increased professionalism."

The CALEA assessment team, composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar but out-of-state agencies, will review written materials, interview individuals and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. 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. The CALEA assessors are Scott A. Cunningham, Cary, NC; Peter M. Sheets, Bryan, TX; and George W. Wolf, Elgin, IL.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., please write the Commission at 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 320, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-2201; or call 1-800-368-3757 or (703) 352-4225, or e-mail to mmitchell@calea.org, subject line "Woodbridge NJ Police Department."

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