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## ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM WILL VISIT POLICE ACADEMY, PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

(MERIDEN, CT) -- Site based assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), will arrive on November 4<sup>th</sup> to examine all aspects of the Police Officer Standards and Training Academy's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

"We are looking forward to the accreditation visit to the Police Officer Standards and Training Academy," said Ronnell A. Higgins, Commissioner of the state Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, which oversees the POST Academy.

"We know that the rigorous process requires the academy to comply with 161 different state-of-the-art standards in order to gain accredited status," Higgins said. "This voluntary process is a highly prized recognition of public safety excellence."

As part of the assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information public access portal posted at <u>POST Public Portal Link</u>.

If for some reason an individual cannot access the portal but would like to provide comments for the assessment team, they may do so by writing to the Commission Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc., 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virgina 20155 or email <a href="mailto:calea@calea.org">calea@calea.org</a>.

A copy of the standards is available by contacting Jessica Blank via email, <u>Jessica.blank@ct.gov</u>.