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Centerville Police earn advanced accreditation honors

The Centerville Police Department has attained meritorious accreditation status from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), meeting 100 percent of other-than-mandatory standards. This marks the department's ninth time to achieve accreditation, a process that includes a rigorous self-assessment, thorough review of standards and procedures, observation of department practices and interviews with citizens, school representatives, local business leaders, department employees and City staff and Council by a team of independent assessors with significant public safety experience. The assessors noted the positive relationships and support the Centerville Police Department has received from citizens, City staff and Council. The decision to accredit is rendered by a governing body of 21 commissioners following a public hearing and review of all reporting documentation. Accreditation is valid for four years.

"This award confirms that our Police Department continues to exceed the standards set forth by an international law enforcement organization," said Centerville City Manager Greg Horn. "We have a professional department committed to protecting and serving our citizens. The Centerville Police Department continues to demonstrate excellence in management and service delivery."

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Over 1,000 public-safety agencies worldwide, 73 of which are located in Ohio, are enrolled in some stage of the CALEA process. CALEA was established as an independent accrediting authority in 1979 by the four major law enforcement executive associations which represent about 80 percent of the United States law enforcement profession. They are the International Association of Chiefs of Police; the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; the National Sheriffs' Association; and the Police Executive Research Forum, all of which continue to serve in an advisory capacity.

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