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ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief of Police John Coletta announced today that a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), will arrive on December 3, 2005 to examine all aspects of the Delhi Police Department policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services. The police department voluntarily participates in the accreditation process by inviting the assessors to verify that the Division meets the Commission's rigorous standards. According to Chief Coletta, the department has maintained CALEA accreditation, which is considered a highly prized recognition of law enforcement excellence, for the last seven years.

The assessors will review written materials, interview department personnel, and visit various locations where compliance can be witnessed. The members of the assessment team are: Captain Barbara Hopkins of the Annapolis, Maryland Police Department, Director Thomas C. Johnson of the Western Carolina University Police Department, and Lt. Jason Cassalia of the Manlius New York Police Department.

The 2005 on-site assessment includes an opportunity for agency employees and members of the community to offer comments to the assessors at a public information session to be held on December 5th, 2005, beginning at 6:00 PM. The session will be conducted in the Delhi Township Administration Building, located at 934 Neeb Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio 45233.

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, there will be an opportunity for the public to call (513)922-3111 ext# 156 on December 5th between the hours of 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM to offer input to the assessors.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session will generally be limited to ten (10) minutes and should address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Delhi Police Department in the reception area. The local contact is Lt. Ric Ideker, Accreditation Manager for the Delhi Police Department, at (513) 922-0060.

Additional information about the Delhi Police Department and the accreditation of the department can be found on the Delhi Township website at www.delhi.oh.us. Further information about law enforcement accreditation may be found on the CALEA website at www.calea.org or by contacting the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 320, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2201, (800) 368-3757.