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Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Welcomes Feedback for National Reaccreditation Assessment

(CHARLOTTE, N.C.) - The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) is reminding the public of its ongoing commitment to reviewing operations and maintaining compliance with national accreditation standards - and your voice matters.

The process, led by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), ensures the MCSO continues to meet high standards in how it operates, treats the public, and delivers safety services. It's like a report card for law enforcement and we're working hard to keep our "A".

To stay accredited, the Sheriff's Office must meet 166 standards covering everything from policies and training to how deputies interact with the public.

As part of the review, the community is invited to share feedback. You can comment on how you feel the Sheriff's Office is doing when it comes to transparency, professionalism, and community engagement. Your input is important and will help assess whether the agency continues to hold itself to the highest standards it has established.

To leave a comment, visit the CALEA Public Comment Portal through the Sheriff's Office website at www.mecksheriff.com/index.php/agency-accreditations/ or go directly to <https://cimrs2.calea.org/1035>. The portal remains open year-round, so at any time, you can contact CALEA directly.

“Throughout my tenure, maintaining high standards, strong accountability, and national accreditation, have all been top priorities,” said Sheriff Garry McFadden. “Earning and upholding CALEA accreditation, along with all other law enforcement accreditations, is a responsibility we take seriously. We will always strive to raise the bar.”

For more information on CALEA and the standards, go to www.calea.org.

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