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

(CHARLOTTE, N.C.) - The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office is going through a major review to keep its national accreditation and your voice matters.

This process, led by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), ensures the Sheriff's Office 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 is meeting the high bar it sets for itself.

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.

Accreditation helps ensure the agency is always improving and staying accountable to the people it serves. Sheriff Garry McFadden and his staff are committed to maintaining excellence and transparency in all that they do.

"During my tenure as Sheriff, standards, accountability, and national accreditation held great importance to me," Sheriff McFadden said. "Consequently, it was of great significance to establish CALEA and maintain its accreditation, in conjunction with all other relevant accreditations pertaining to law enforcement. We will always welcome the challenge to be greater."

For more information on CALEA and the standards, go to <a href="https://www.calea.org/node/11406">https://www.calea.org/node/11406</a>.

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