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PUBLIC NOTICE

UNC Police will engage in its regular reaccreditation process in July 2019. A team of assessors representing the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. will review the policies and procedures, management, patrol, support, and administrative services of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Police Department and its Emergency Communications (9-1-1) Center as a part of its review. The CALEA assessment team will host a public comment session in the Redbud Room of the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education (100 Friday Center Drive, Chapel Hill, NC) 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10. The public is invited to share comments related to how the department complies with CALEA standards. More information on CALEA and its standards is <u>available here.</u>

The CALEA assessment team will also accept telephone comments at (919) 962-5140 on Tuesday, July 9, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Written comments about the department's ability to comply with reaccreditation standards will also be accepted by the CALEA assessment team at 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Suite 320, Gainesville, Va., 20155.

Due to time constraints, telephone comments and appearances at the public information session must address the agency's ability to comply with applicable CALEA standards, which are available for review at the Public Safety Building. The local contact is Lieutenant Billy J. Nato at (919) 962-3534.

Accreditation ensures that UNC Police is in compliance with 484 law enforcement standards and with 212 gain public safety communications standards. CALEA initially accredited UNC Police in 1995, and they are currently one of 378 accredited agencies and 11 accredited universities and colleges worldwide. UNC Police were reaccredited in 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012, and most recently in 2015. This is the first review of how the department's Emergency Communications Center meets standards for emergency services communications professional excellence.

Verification by the CALEA assessment team that the department meets the commission's stateof-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain reaccreditation for UNC's Law Enforcement Services.

When the assessors complete their review of the agency, they will report back to the full commission, who will decide on reaccreditation. Accreditation is for four years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting to continued compliance with its initial standards.