



WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE



ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

Western Springs, Illinois (May 13, 2020)- The Western Springs Police Department is scheduled for a virtual site-based assessment as part of a voluntary program to achieve re-accreditation by verifying that it meets professional standards. Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), the accreditation program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

As part of the site-based assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a virtual public information session on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in the interest to protect the safety of the community, the public information session will be conducted using Zoom Webinar. The CALEA assessment team will be taking comments by phone 312-626-6799 or through the Zoom Webinar, [click here](#). If there is a caller ahead of you, you will be placed on “hold” until it is your turn to comment.

If for some reason an individual cannot join or speak during the public information session, but would like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone. The public may call 312-626-6799 on June 2, 2020, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. A meeting ID and password will be required, this will be posted on the [Village website](#) 24 hours prior to the call-in session. Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency’s ability to comply with CALEA standards.

Individuals wishing to offer written comments about the Western Springs Police Departments ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. 13575 Heathcote Blvd. Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155-2215 or email calea@calea.org. Please ensure to write *Western Springs, IL Police Department* in the subject line.

The CALEA assessment team is comprised of team leader Richard Barnhart, retired Chief of Police for West Carrollton Police Department, Ohio, and Michael J. Crowell, Chief of Police for Manlius Police Department, New York. The assessors will review policies, written material, interview individuals, and virtually observe and tour the agency’s facility where compliance can be witnessed.

Once the Commission’s assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status. Accreditation is for four years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with the state-of-the-art standards.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. please visit calea.org.