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PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW BERN POLICE DEPARTMENT INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT IN NATIONAL ACCREDITATION RE-CERTIFICATION PROCESS

The New Bern Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of a program to achieve accreditation by verifying 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 procedure, administration, operations and support services.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session Monday, August 24, 2009, at 7 pm. The session will be conducted in the New Bern Police Department's sub-station, located in the mall at 3134 Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd.

Agency employees and the public are also invited to offer comments by calling 252-649-9969, Sunday, August 23, 2009, from 2 pm until 4 pm. Comments will be taken by the Assessment team.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available at the New Bern Police Department, by contacting Mary Trude at 252-672-4267.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the New Bern Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 10302 Eaton Place, Fairfax, VA, 22030-2215 or www.calea.org.

Frank Palombo, Chief of Police