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Powell Police Department Maintains Accredited Status

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Powell, OH: The Powell Police Department has again been selected as a Flagship Agency by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The designation verifies that the department meets the professional standards identified by CALEA. The Powell Police Department, which has previously been accredited by CALEA, undergoes review by the organization every three years in order to maintain its accredited status.

The accreditation program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policies and procedures, administration, operations and support services.

“A Flagship Agency represents an extraordinary example of excellence in public safety, and it is recognized as a potential resource for future and current CALEA clients,” said Sylvester Daughtry Jr., executive director of CALEA, in a letter to Police Chief Gary Vest. Daughtry called the accreditation a “prestigious designation.”

“I wish to commend our Accreditation Manager, Officer Scott Sanford; Detective Kevin Flaharty; and police clerks Niki Dillon and Patti Mills specifically for their diligent efforts and hard work on the paperwork end,” Vest said. “Our ‘proofs of compliance’ are evident by the documented activities of our staff and the internal and external support we receive.”

Vest also thanked City Manager Steve Lutz and the City departments with which the police department works throughout the year.

“We achieved this recognition by working together, and we could not have done it without everyone’s help,” Vest said.

As part of the Flagship Agency designation, the department will receive a certificate of appreciation from CALEA and will be acknowledged during the opening ceremony of the upcoming CALEA conference.

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