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ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT NEPTUNE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Neptune Beach: A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive July 13, 2010 to examine all aspects of the Neptune Beach Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief David Sembach announced today. Neptune Beach Police Department has to comply with approximately 259 standards in order to receive accredited status. Many of the 259 standards are critical to life, health and safety issues.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. A copy of the standards is available through Neptune Beach Police Department's Accreditation Manager at 270-2413.

For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the Neptune Beach Police Department's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please write: CFA, 3504 Lake Lynda Drive, Suite 380, Orlando, Florida, 32817.

The Accreditation Program Manager for the Neptune Beach Police Department is Samantha Jones. She said the assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies. The assessors will review written materials; interview individuals; and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The CFA Assessment Team Leader is Lt. Mark Buffington from Indian River County Sheriff's Office. Other team members are Master Patrol Officer James Riggs from Altamonte Springs Police Department and Ms. Mary Vaught from Gainesville Police Department.

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 receive accredited status. Neptune Beach Police Department's accreditation is for 3 years. Verification by the team that Neptune Beach Police Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain or maintain accreditation--a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence, Chief David Sembach said.