



HERNDON POLICE

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CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF ACCREDITATION EXCELLENCE

The Herndon Police Department received its ninth meritorious award of reaccreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) at a conference in Charleston, South Carolina on November 5, 2016.

At the conference, a hearing was held by a panel of commissioners to review the report of findings from the department's formal reaccreditation assessment conducted in August. The department must undergo an assessment every three years to review its compliance with accreditation standards. This award reflects the department's successful compliance with professional law enforcement standards and also represents 30 years of accredited status under a formal program. The Herndon Police Department is committed to delivering professional law enforcement services to the Town of Herndon and is pleased to announce this successful accomplishment.

Law enforcement accreditation is a voluntary process to confirm competency and professionalism through a certified program. The program enables the department to comply with nationally-based policing standards in Administration, Operations, Personnel, and Training in order to monitor its practices, maintain proactive policies, and evaluate its effectiveness. Agencies that pursue accreditation demonstrate to their citizens and the community that they are dedicated to providing professional law enforcement services and are able to comprehensively comply with uniform principles of policing.

The Herndon Police Department has consistently maintained 30 years of accredited status which is a significant achievement. Herndon was the 7th police agency in Virginia to be accredited by CALEA when initially awarded in 1986 and the 42nd police agency in the United States, but remains among the hundreds of agencies across the country and internationally who pursue this program.

The Herndon Police Department will be recognized for its reaccreditation award at the Herndon Town Council meeting on November 29, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Craig Hartley, Executive Director of CALEA, will attend and present the award.



**REACCREDITATION CONFERENCE
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
November 5, 2016**



Pictured above (L to R) CALEA Executive Director Craig Hartley, HPD Chief of Police Maggie DeBoard, HPD Accreditation Manager Ms. Arlene Garcia, CALEA Chairperson Richard W. Myers.

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