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**Toledo Police Earn Re-Accreditation Award**

Toledo, OH (April 19, 2022): The Toledo Police Department has once again been awarded re-accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). This award was received on April 2<sup>nd</sup> during the 2022 Spring CALEA Conference. The Toledo Police Department has been an accredited law enforcement agency since 2003 and this marks the 7<sup>th</sup> award that the department has received.

The process of CALEA re-accreditation begins with a rigorous four year cycle, requiring annual assessments of policies, practices, and processes against internationally accepted public safety standards. These assessments are conducted each year by independent assessors with significant public safety experience. This four year process culminates with an on-site visit (conducted virtually in November of 2021 due to COVID-19) that includes structured interviews with department personnel and members of the community to assess the department's effectiveness and overall service delivery capabilities. During the on-site visit, public feedback is also received to promote community trust and engagement. The decision to accredit is then rendered by a governing body of twenty-one CALEA Commissioners following a public hearing and review of all reporting documentation.

CALEA Accreditation is a mark of law enforcement excellence and recognizes state-of-the-art police practices and departmental professionalism. Furthermore, this continuous process serves as the foundation for a successful, transparent, and community focused public safety agency.

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