



The Delaware River and Bay Authority

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DRBA Police Department Seeks Seventh Re-Accreditation

CALEA Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

(New Castle, DE) On August 13, 2017, a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive at the Delaware Memorial Bridge to examine all aspects of the Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services. The bi-state agency's Police Department has three troops, one at the Delaware Memorial Bridge complex and two at the Cape May/Lewes Ferry.

Colonel Richard H. Arroyo, DRBA Police Administrator, noted the importance of the accreditation process. "As a nationally recognized professional law enforcement agency, we are constantly striving to maintain best practices in law enforcement," Arroyo said. "The CALEA Standards serve as a benchmark for any law enforcement agency in pursuit of professional excellence. This voluntary process carries with it the highly-prized recognition of professional excellence in law enforcement."

The national assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar, but out-of-state agencies and will verify that the DRBA police department complies with CALEA's rigorous, state-of-the-art standards. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, visit offices, and accompany officers on patrol to measure and grade the department's compliance. The assessors are: Team Leader, Chief Stephen Walker (Retired) of the Centerville Police Department (Centerville, OH) and Lieutenant Scott Bronze of the Cleveland Police Department (Cleveland, TN).

Agency employees and the public are invited to offer comments by calling (302) 571-6426 on Monday, August 14, 2017 between the hours of 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Comments will be taken by the assessment team.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and the general public are also invited to offer comments at a public information session on Monday, August 14, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Vincent A. Julia Center Building located at the Delaware Memorial Bridge Plaza, Jct. of I-295 and Rte. 9, New Castle, DE 19720.

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 Standards. The Accreditation manager for the Delaware River and Bay Authority Police is Sgt. Kristen Todd, who can be contacted at (302) 571-6431.

Individuals wishing to offer written comments about the Delaware River and Bay Authority Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write CALEA at the following address:

Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA)
13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320
Gainesville, Virginia 20155
Email: calea@calea.org.

CALEA commissioners will be notified of the results of the assessment in a detail report by the team leader. In November 2017, the CALEA Board is expected to vote on the DRBA application, which will determine if a re-accredited status will be awarded. The DRBA Police Department has been accredited agency since 1996

Accreditation is for four years, during which the agency must submit annual reports to CALEA attesting to its continued compliance with those standards. For more information on accreditation, please call CALEA at (703) 352-4225.

About the Delaware River and Bay Authority

The DRBA, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962, owns and operates the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May- Lewes Ferry, and the Delaware City – Salem Ferry Crossing. The DRBA also manages corporate and aviation properties through its economic development powers - two airports in New Jersey (Millville Airport and Cape May Airport) and three in Delaware (New Castle Airport, Civil Air Terminal and Delaware Airpark). All DRBA operating revenues are generated through the bridge, ferry and airport facilities. For more information, visit www.drba.net.

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