



## DEER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Contact: Sgt. Ian Sawtell Ph: (281) 930-2152 8 A.M. July 29, 2019**

A team of Assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive August 12, 2019 to examine all aspects of the Deer Park Police Department's Policy and Procedures, Management, Operations, and Support Services.

Verification by the Assessors that the Department meets the Commission's professional standards is part of a voluntary process to maintain the agency's accredited status, a status validating law enforcement excellence and one held by the Deer Park Police Department since 2006.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments to the assessment team by phone or through an open forum. Callers may reach an assessor at (281)930-2161 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday August 13, 2019. The public forum will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 710 E. San Augustine, on Tuesday August 13, 2019 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Comments made by phone or public forum are limited to ten minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Deer Park Police Department, 2911 Center Street, Deer Park, Texas 77536 (Contact: Sgt. Sawtell).

Persons wishing to offer written comments regarding the agency's compliance to accreditation standards may write to: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155.

The CALEA Assessment team is comprised of law enforcement practitioners from similar, but out-of-state agencies. The Assessors will review written materials, interview employees, and visit offices or other locations where compliance may be observed. Information on the assessors is as follows:

- Team Leader – Major Michael Bentolila, Aventura Police Department (Florida)
- Team Member – Sergeant (Ret.) Mark Tipton – Alcoa Police Department (Tennessee)

Once the Assessors complete their review of the agency, they will report their findings back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency will retain its accredited status.