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PRESS RELEASE

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**ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lawrence E. Streeter, Chief of Police, is pleased to announce that a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive Sunday, July 26, 2015 to examine all aspects of the Newton Police Department's policies, procedures, management, operations and support services.

This assessment will be the initial accreditation the Newton Police Department. A team of two assessors, composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies around the nation, will verify nationally recognized, state of the art standards which the department has maintained as part of this voluntary process.

Assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and others where compliance can be verified. Assessors report to the Commission, who makes final determination on accreditation. The Newton Police Department must comply with 177 standards in order to gain accredited status. Once the CALEA Assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accreditation.

The CALEA assessors are:

Team Leader: Captain (Retired) Michael Kemper, Kettering, OH Police Department

Assessor: Sgt. Megan Freeman, Addison, IL Department of Police

As part of the process, the Newton community, department employees, as well as any member of the general public is invited to comment on the agencies compliance with standards by phone or by appearance at a public hearing session. Phone calls can be made to (603) 612- 0328 and will be taken by assessors on Monday, July 27, 2015 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Telephone calls will go directly to the assessors and will be on an unrecorded line.

The public hearing will be held that evening at 5:00 PM at the Newton Town Hall located at 2 Town Hall Road, Newton, NH.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session must address the department's ability to comply with CALEA standards. A copy of the standards is available at the

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Newton Police Department. Inquiries should be directed to Accreditation Manager Officer Wancheck or Chief Streeter at 603-382-6774.

Persons wishing to submit written comments about the Newton Police Departments ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 13375 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155 or www.calea.org.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. please write the Commission at 13375 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155; call (703) 352-4225 or email calea@calea.org.