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ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT DAVENPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Steve Parker is pleased to announce that the Davenport Police Department will be seeking reaccreditation from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA).

The accreditation program manager for the Davenport Police Department is Christy Demps. She said the assessment team is composed of assessors from similar agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other areas where compliance can be observed.

A team of assessors from CFA will arrive April 2, 2024, to examine all aspects of the Davenport Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. The Davenport Police Department has to comply with numerous standards in order to receive accredited status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health, safety issues, and best practices.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report to the full Commission, which then determines if the agency is to receive accredited or reaccredited status. The Davenport Police Department's accreditation is valid for three years. Verification by the team that the Davenport Police Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain or maintain accreditation – a highly prized recognition of professional excellence, Chief Steve Parker said.

As part of the assessment, agency members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. A copy of the standards manual is available on the CFA website at www.flaccreditation.org under the standards tab.

For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the Davenport Police Department's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please send correspondence to: CFA, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida, 32302, or email to flaccreditation@fdle.state.fl.us.

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