



## **NEWS FROM SANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **Accreditation Team Invites Public Comments about the Sanford Police Department**

Sanford, FL (May 29, 2018): The accreditation team from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) invites public comments about the Sanford Police Department as part of the on-site assessment for re-accreditation.

A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive July 10, 2018 to examine all aspects of the Sanford Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief Cecil Smith announced today. The Department has to comply with approximately 236 standards in order to receive accredited status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health, and safety issues.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. A copy of the standards is available through the Sanford Police Department's Office of Accreditation at 407 562-2799.

For more information regarding CFA, or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the Sanford Police Department's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please write to: CFA, P.O. Bx. 1489, Tallahassee, FL 32302, or email to [info@flaccreditation.org](mailto:info@flaccreditation.org).

The Accreditation Manager for the Police Department is Mr. Peter Loomis. The assessment team is composed of three law enforcement professionals from accredited agencies within the State. The assessors will review written materials; interview individuals; and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they will report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to receive re-accredited status. The Sanford Police Department's re-accreditation will be for three years. The Sanford Police Department was first accredited in 2005. This represents the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle in the accreditation process.

Verification by the team that the Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation – a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

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