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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDED NATIONAL ACCREDITATION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING ACADEMY

CPD becomes first and largest major city law enforcement agency to receive dual accreditation in two separate programs from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies

CHICAGO — The Chicago Police Department was formally awarded national accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) in the Public Safety Training Academy program, making CPD the first and largest major city law enforcement agency to be awarded dual accreditation in two separate programs. The Department first received accreditation by CALEA for the Law Enforcement program in July 2018.

This voluntary accreditation program mandates that CPD complies with best practice standards focusing on basic as well as advanced curriculums, emphasizing sound instructional techniques, demonstrating records integrity and professional delivery of comprehensive training.

"The CALEA accreditation speaks volumes to the Chicago Police Department's long-standing commitment toward ensuring all CPD officers and recruits are held to the highest training standards in a quality training environment," said CPD Superintendent David O. Brown.

Law enforcement agencies seeking CALEA accreditation must go through a rigorous review and evaluation of their organization, and then implement the necessary policy and procedure changes. Following a multi-year self-assessment phase, CALEA assessors conducted a virtual site-based assessment of policy, procedures, equipment and facilities, along with input from the community.

Superintendent Brown, Deputy Chief Daniel Godsel, CPD Training and Support Group, and Assistant Director Allyson Clark-Henson, CPD Research and Development Division, attended the CALEA virtual conference and appeared before CALEA's 21-member Board of Commissioners, which reviewed all findings and determined CPD's accreditation status.

"This award of accreditation does not come easy," said CALEA President Anthony Purcell. "Each community with CALEA accredited agencies should feel confident that their public safety organization is going above and beyond and operating under the highest standards in public safety."

The purpose of the Commission, which was established in 1979, is to develop standards based on international best practices in public safety, and to establish and administer the accreditation process.

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