



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### **PUBLIC NOTICE – LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION SOUGHT**

The South Portland Police Department is seeking Accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®). In order to gain accredited status, the department must use best practices and comply with 189 different nationally recognized standards that demonstrate professional excellence in law enforcement.

As part of the Accreditation process, the department will undergo an on-site evaluation by a team of external assessors. On November 27, 2017, the team will be arriving in South Portland to examine all aspects of the department's policies, procedures, management, operations and support services functions in order to determine if the department meets the stringent standards. In preparation, the department has undergone a critical, multi-year internal self-assessment, creating and revising policies and standard operating procedures in accordance with the nationally recognized best practices.

As part of the onsite assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments to the assessment team and police department staff at a public session on November 28, 2017 at 6:00PM. The forum is being held at the South Portland Community Center, 21 Nelson Road, South Portland, ME. Comments can alternatively be provided by calling the assessment team at 207.347.4143 on November 28, 2017 between the hours of 1pm and 3pm. Public and telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the department's ability to comply with the CALEA Standards.

A copy of the standards are available for viewing at the South Portland Police station by contacting Lt. Frank Clark, Accreditation Manager, at 207.799.5511 ext. 7242 or [francl@southportland.org](mailto:francl@southportland.org).

Written comments about the department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation may be sent to the Commission at: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA®), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155.