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Media Advisory: Accreditation Team Invites Public Comments

A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive December 12th to examine all aspects of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) policies and procedures, management, operations and support services. ACSO has to comply with approximately 239 standards in order to receive accredited status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health and safety issues.

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 is available through the ACSO Policy and Accreditation Office at 352-384-3030. For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the ACSO's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please contact the Florida Accreditation Office:

P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302

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The Policy and Accreditation Supervisor for the ACSO is Lt. Kaley Behl. The assessment team will be composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies. 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 report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to receive reaccredited status. The accreditation is reviewed every three years. Verification by the team that ACSO meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to achieve or maintain accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence. ACSO was first accredited in 1997. This year marks the 8th reaccreditation process for ACSO.

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