



ALACHUA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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MEDIA ADVISORY:

A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive November 28th to examine all aspects of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office's policies and procedures, management, operations and support services. The Alachua County Sheriff's Office has to comply with 235 standards in order to receive reaccredited 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 Policy and Accreditation Unit 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:

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The Policy and Accreditation Commander for the ACSO is Captain 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 by the CFA in 1997. This year marks the 9th reaccreditation process for the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.

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