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Accreditation assessment team invites public comment about Patrol

Toll-free call-in on July 21 part of national accreditation process

COLUMBUS – Starting Monday, the Ohio State Highway Patrol invites the public to offer comments as part of a public call-in session during the Patrol's re-accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA).

A team of assessors will take comments from citizens who call 1-866-931-6448 on July 21 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Patrol's ability to comply with the standards of accreditation can send them to CALEA, 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, VA 20030-2215.

“Verification by assessors that the Patrol meets the CALEA's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to maintain excellence,” Colonel Richard H. Collins, Ohio State Highway Patrol superintendent, said. “Our re-accreditation is a highly prized national recognition of the Patrol's law enforcement excellence.”

The Patrol was originally accredited in 1989 and has been re-accredited in 1994, 1999, 2002, and again in 2005. Maintaining this status is an ongoing process and requires constant monitoring and updating of policies and procedures to assure meeting CALEA standards.

An overview of standards can be found on CALEA's Web site at www.calea.org/online/CALEAPrograms/LawEnforcement/lawenfstandards.htm

The Patrol's re-accreditation process will conclude on July 24.

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