



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Sheriff Pat Garrett

PRESS RELEASE

Sheriff Pat Garrett Invites Community Feedback

March 14, 2016 – The Washington County Sheriff's Office will be assessed by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA®) next month. A team of inspectors will arrive on Monday, April 11, 2016, to review all aspects of Sheriff's Office operations in light of national standards considered priorities for large law enforcement agencies. The inspection will end on Thursday, April 14. The public has several opportunities to give input to the inspection team on Sheriff's Office services.

The Sheriff's Office was initially awarded accreditation in 2004 by CALEA in an effort to improve management systems and show good stewardship. Accreditation has helped the Sheriff's Office to clarify every written directive, and to build a set of management systems that flexes and endures with constant growth and change. The Sheriff's Office is inspected every three years by a different inspection team; this is our fourth reaccreditation process.

The inspection process has included an extensive review of policies, training documents and reports, interviews with staff, contacts with community members, observing operations by riding with Patrol Deputies, and even observing complex crime scene investigations. A benefit of accreditation is learning more about how our services are perceived by the community we serve, so the inspectors want to hear from you.



Community members can help the inspection team evaluate community partnerships, staff interactions with the community, and quality of service delivery. Sheriff Pat Garrett is offering members of the community four ways to share information with the inspection team between now and the end of the inspection on April 14.

- Beginning today, any member of the community can e-mail the inspection team using the following link: CALEA@co.washington.or.us. The same link is available from the Sheriff's Facebook and Twitter page.
- Beginning today, letters can be addressed to the inspection team as follows:
Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies
13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320
Gainesville, Virginia 20155

- On Monday, April 11, beginning at 6:00 pm, the public can attend a hearing in the Charles Cameron Memorial Auditorium in the Public Services Building at 155 North First Avenue, Hillsboro, Oregon. Those who wish to speak will be allowed 10 minutes to comment on standards compliance.
- On Tuesday, April 12, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, you may call (503) 899-2669 and share comments by telephone. (The line will otherwise be inoperable.) Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes.

The inspection team will receive all letters and e-mails on April 11, 2016.

For more information regarding CALEA, Inc., please write the Commission using the address as seen above, call (703) 352-4225, or e-mail calea@calea.org. For information on the standards, you may also call the Sheriff's Accreditation Manager, Marcy Allie, at (503) 846-6307.

"It is an absolute honor for everyone at the Sheriff's Office to serve the communities of Washington County and meet the goals of providing reliable, competent, and professional services everyone deserves. I am thankful to the public for their interest in this agency's accreditation and welcome their participation." ~ Sheriff Pat Garrett