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ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC TO COMMENT

A team of Assessors from the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) will arrive on March 25th 2018 to examine all aspects of the Florida A&M University Police Department policy and procedures, management, operation, and support services, Chief Terence M. Calloway announced today.

Verification by the team that Florida A&M University Police Department meets IACLEA's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation – a highly prized recognition of campus public safety professional excellence, he said.

University members, agency employees and the public are invited to offer comments by calling 850.412.5434 on Monday March 26th between the hours of 1PM and 3PM. Comments will be taken by the Assessment Team.

Telephone comments must address the department's ability to comply with IACLEA's standards. The IACLEA Accreditation Standards Manual is available on the IACLEA website (www.iaclea.org).

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Florida A&M University Police Department ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to IACLEA Accreditation, 1110 Bonifant Street, Suite 220, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

The Florida A&M University Police Department has to comply with 215 standards, in order to achieve accredited status, Chief Terence M. Calloway said. Ascertaining IACLEA accreditation demonstrates the University's commitment to safety. It establishes that FAMU adheres to the highest standards of professionalism and excellence. Accreditation is vital to the success of our mission to keep our students, faculty, staff and visitors safe while on our campus.

The Accreditation Manager for Florida A&M University Police Department is Ms. Wendy Dorival. She said the Assessment Team is composed of experienced campus law enforcement professionals from out-of-state. The Assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and inspect facilities where compliance can be witnessed. The Assessors are: Chief Gerald W. Schoenle, Jr. (Ret), Team Leader; and Lieutenant Charles Simpson, Jr. Once the Assessors complete their review of the department, they will report back to IACLEA, which will then decide if the department is to be granted accredited status, Accreditation Manager, Wendy Dorival said.

Accreditation is for four (4) years, during which the department must submit annual reports attesting to continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.