



BIDDEFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CALEA ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE BIDDEFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), will complete an examination of all aspects of the Biddeford Police Department policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, on March 7-8, 2022.

The purpose of the assessment is to determine if the Biddeford Police Department meets all applicable standards required by the Commission in order to be re-accredited. CALEA accreditation is a voluntary process that the Biddeford Police Department has pursued in order to maintain and implement the best practices and demonstrate the commitment of the men and women of the department to professional law enforcement in and for our community.

As part of the assessment process, agency employees and members of the Biddeford community are encouraged to offer comments to the assessment team regarding the division's candidacy for re-accreditation. Due to the current pandemic, the assessment team will receive public comment by several means:

A public forum will be held in council chambers on **Monday, March 07, 2022** beginning at 3:30 PM. Those who can't or prefer not to attend in person may participate via Zoom by logging into the session through Zoom, Meeting ID: 929 0725 4281. (See below)

If an individual cannot participate in the public information session, but would like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone, mail, or email.

The public may call (207)-571-1670 on **Tuesday, March 08, 2022**, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM to offer their comments directly to the CALEA assessors. The caller will be automatically forwarded to CALEA assessor.

Those wishing to offer written comments about the Biddeford Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155. Email should be addressed to: calea@calea.org, putting the *Biddeford Police Department* in the subject line of the email.

Accreditation is for four years, during which the agency must submit annual reports, and participate in annual remote web-based assessments attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited. For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., please write the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155; or call (703) 352-4225 or email calea@calea.org.

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