



BIDDEFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Biddeford Police Department's National Accreditation Renewed

The Biddeford Police Department is pleased to announce that it has received reaccreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

Accreditation is a mark of distinction, professional excellence and high standards for public safety entities. The Biddeford Police Department first met the Standards for Accreditation in 2018, which remained valid for four years. In March 2022, the Department completed a full four-year on-site audit in order to be considered for another four-year accreditation. Police Chief Roger Beaupre testified in front of a board of 21 Commissioners at the CALEA National Conference in Chicago on July 23 as a part of the final review process, which resulted in a vote to grant the agency accreditation for another four years.

“Achieving and maintaining Accreditation requires a solid commitment to professional excellence in policy and practice and active participation from all agency members,” Chief Beaupre said. *“I am proud of the work that each and every member of the Department puts in daily to continue to reach CALEA’s high standards.”*



Pictured from left to right: W. Craig Hartley, Jr., CALEA Executive Director; Lt. Ricky Doyon; Police Chief Roger Beaupre; and Marcus Brown, CALEA Commissioner.



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Chief Beaupre:

CALEA® Accreditation serves as the *International Gold Standard for Public Safety Agencies*. This correspondence serves to recognize the Biddeford Police Department has been awarded Law Enforcement Accreditation effective July 23, 2022, for the Second time. This award remains in effect for four years and the agency retains all privileges associated with this status during that period.

The process of CALEA Accreditation begins with a rigorous self-assessment, requiring a review of policies, practices, and processes against internationally accepted public safety standards. This is followed with an assessment by independent assessors with significant public safety experience. Additionally, public feedback is received to promote community trust and engagement, and structured interviews are conducted with select agency personnel and others with knowledge to assess the agency's effectiveness and overall service delivery capacities. The decision to accredit is rendered by a governing body of twenty-one Commissioners following a public hearing and review of all reporting documentation.

CALEA Accreditation is a continuous process and serves as the foundation for a successful, well managed, transparent, community-focused public safety agency. To this end, an agency must maintain its accredited status by remaining in compliance with CALEA standards at all times.

CALEA congratulates the Biddeford Police Department for demonstrating a commitment to professional excellence through accreditation. The CALEA Accreditation indices are the *Marks of Professional Excellence* and should be displayed proudly by those that have earned them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Craig Hartley, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style.

W. Craig Hartley, Jr.
Executive Director