

CALEA Assessment

In 2016, the Biddeford Police Department began the voluntary process of Law Enforcement Accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), a national recognition of public safety professional excellence. Since the time we began the process, the department has undergone critical self-assessment and most recently, a mock-assessment that involved the creation and revision of policies and Standard Operating Procedures in order to be in compliance with CALEA's nationally recognized standards and best practices. "The standards upon which the Law Enforcement Accreditation Program is based reflect the current thinking and experience of law enforcement practitioners and researchers. Major Law enforcement associations, leading educational and training institutions, governmental agencies, as well as law enforcement executives internationally, acknowledge CALEA's Standards for Law Enforcement Agencies and its Accreditation Programs as benchmarks for professional law enforcement agencies."

On April 08, 2018, a team of external law enforcement assessors from CALEA will be arriving in Biddeford for a three-day visit, during which time they will be examining all aspects of the department's policies, procedures, management, operations and support services. This assessment team will be seeking to verify that the department meets all of the 156 different state of the art standards established by the Commission. If BPD is found in compliance with these standards, the agency will be awarded accreditation status. The Accreditation is valid for four years, and during this time, the department required to submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with the commission's standards, which are subject to ongoing review and revision in accordance with nationally recognized practices.

As part of this onsite assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer commentary to the assessment team at a public forum, which is scheduled for April 09, 2018 at 5:30pm. The forum is being held at Biddeford City Hall in the Council Chambers, 205 Main Street, Biddeford, ME. Those who are unable to attend the public session, but would still like to provide commentary to the assessment team, may do so by calling 207-571-1662 on April 09, 2018 between the hours of 2:30pm and 4:30pm. Written comments about the department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation may be sent to the Commission at: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA®), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155.

Public and telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the department's ability to comply with the CALEA Standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Biddeford Police Department, 39 Alfred Street, Biddeford, ME. For any questions or clarifications please contact Lt. Ricky Doyon, *Accreditation Manager*, at 207-282-5127 or ricky.doyon@biddefordmaine.org.

For more information regarding CALEA, 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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Free Community Presentation Former NFL Patriot Chris and Kathi Sullivan



Chris, a former standout defensive lineman for Boston College and the New England Patriots, endured personal struggles with injuries, anxiety, and depression, which led to alcohol and drug abuse. Chris totaled four cars, was arrested for five OUI's, and checked into fifteen rehabilitation centers all in a six-year period. With the unyielding support of family and friends, Chris pulled himself out of addiction.

Prior to meeting his wife Kathi, she lost her 17-year-old daughter Taylor as a result of a night of underage drinking. She received the horrific news on an October morning in 2008 that her daughter was found drowned in two feet of swamp water.

Come hear their story about recovery, grief, and overcoming negative emotions thanks to positive support systems.

Chris and Kathi will be joined by the Center for Grieving Children, the Community Bicycle Center and the Red Ribbon Committee of the Biddeford Saco Rotary Club.

Thursday, April 26
6:30-7:30 PM
Biddeford High School
Little Theater

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