

Ft. Pierce Police Department

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ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT THE FORT PIERCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fort Pierce Police, Florida: A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive December 14, 2010 to examine all aspects of the Fort Pierce Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief R. Sean Baldwin announced today. The Fort Pierce Police Department has to comply with approximately 259 standards in order to receive accredited status. Many of the 259 standards are critical to life, health and safety issues.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. A copy of the standards is available through Sergeant Dennis McWilliams, the Fort Pierce Police Department's Public Information Officer

For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the Fort Pierce Police Department's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please write:

CFA, 3504 Lake Lynda Drive, Suite 380, Orlando, Florida, 32817.

The Accreditation Program Manager for The Fort Pierce Police Department is Linda Blanning. Ms. Blanning said the assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies. The assessors will review written materials; interview individuals; and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The CFA Assessment Team Leader is Lenny Wyatt from the Plantation, Florida Police Department. Other team members are Deputy Robert Carroll from the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office and Captain George Lamont from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to receive accredited status. The Fort Pierce Police Department's accreditation is for 3 years. Verification by the team that The Fort Pierce Police Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain or maintain accreditation--a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence, Chief Baldwin said.

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