

CALEA Accreditation “The Gold Standard”

McKinney Police Department



COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES (CALEA)

- Created in 1979 (IACP, PERF, NSA)
- Non Profit 501 (C)(3)
- First independent credentialing authority for law enforcement



CALEA GOALS

- Formalize essential management procedures
- Establish fair personnel practices
- Improve service delivery to every citizen
- Solidify inter-agency cooperation/coordination
- Increase community confidence
- Strengthen crime prevention and control



WHAT'S IN IT FOR US?

- International Recognition as a professional Law Enforcement agency
- Policies/practices continuously reviewed
- Greater accountability: agency/community
- Reduced risk and liability exposure by policies
- Increased community advocacy and involvement.



COSTS AND PERSONNEL

- Up to 36 month process (18 months goal)
- Full time Accreditation Manager
- Initial fee at contract - \$15K
- Annual fee - \$5K
- Re-accreditation every 3 years (on-going daily process)



CONCLUSION

- 480 Standards (Best Practices) for CALEA makes you follow your policies
- Annual and quarterly reporting
- Will also maintain the current TPCA Best Practices (164 standards)
- It is **“THE GOLD STANDARD”** for policing.

