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### **SLED'S CALEA ACCREDITATION PUBLIC COMMENT PORTAL**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) will host an online public comment portal in accordance with maintaining accreditation with The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, INC. (CALEA).

The purpose of CALEA is to provide an agency with a system of professional standards that promotes integrity and accountability within the agency and to the public whom it serves. The purpose of the CALEA portal is to receive public comments regarding an agency's compliance with CALEA standards, engagement in the delivery of public safety services within the community, and overall candidacy for accredited status. These comments can be in the form of commendations or concerns.

LINK TO ONLINE PORTAL HERE: <https://www.sled.sc.gov/accreditation>

The online portal will be active from June 1, 2023 – August 1, 2023.

The CALEA portal is NOT a way to report a crime or supply tips on a SLED investigation. Please call 911/contact local law enforcement in an emergency. CALEA is not an investigatory body and does not act as such.

SLED was first accredited by CALEA on March 26, 1994. SLED was reaccredited in 1999, 2002, 2005 and 2008. In 2005 and 2008, SLED was recognized as a CALEA Flagship Agency. In 2010, SLED discontinued the accreditation process. On May 29, 2012, under the direction of Chief Mark Keel, SLED applied for and received eligibility to begin the CALEA self-assessment phase. In March of 2013, the CALEA Commission unanimously voted to grant accredited status to SLED. In 2020, SLED was awarded the CALEA Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation. SLED has since been selected by the Commissioners of CALEA to receive the Accreditation with Excellence Award.

More on SLED Accreditation can be found on SLED's website at [www.sled.sc.gov](http://www.sled.sc.gov).

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*An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency*

