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### **SLED CONTINUES CALEA REACCREDITATION PROCESS**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is seeking reaccreditation with The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, INC. (CALEA®). SLED will host a CALEA assessor on-site October 2 – 4, 2023 to demonstrate its continued compliance with CALEA standards.

The purpose of CALEA's Accreditation Programs is to improve the delivery of public safety services primarily by maintaining a body of standards, developed by public safety practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives, establishing and administering an accreditation process, and recognizing professional excellence.

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA®) was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations: International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP); National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE); National Sheriffs' Association (NSA); and the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF).

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 reaccreditation by CALEA. Since that time, SLED has successfully completed four web-based file assessments. After the on-site assessor event SLED Chief Mark Keel and a team from SLED will travel to Montgomery, AL in early 2024 to attend a hearing before the CALEA Board of Directors.

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