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**TOWN OF SMITHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BEGIN CALEA ASSESSMENT**

The Smithfield Police Department is scheduled for a virtual on-site assessment as part of a program to achieve reaccreditation by verifying it meets professional standards.

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), will begin October 25, 2021. The Smithfield Police Department's performance will be assessed in all aspects of the agency's policies, procedures, management, operations, and support services.

As part of the virtual on-site assessment, agency employees, local law enforcement agencies, local organizations, and members of the community are invited to offer comments at the public information session. Due to Covid-19 and this being a virtual assessment, please contact Melissa Southerland, Accreditation Manager, at 919-989-1073 to be placed on the schedule to speak with an assessor via phone call. A member of the Assessment Team will contact you via phone at your scheduled time.

Agency employees, local organizations and members of the community are also invited to offer comments by calling 919-989-1061 on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, from 1-3 pm.

Persons wishing to submit written comments about the Smithfield Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for reaccreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Blvd, Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155.

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