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### **Accreditation Team Invites Public Comments About The Auburndale Police Department**

A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive on December 07, 2021, to examine all aspects of the Auburndale Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief Andy Ray announced today. The police department must comply with 239 standards in order to receive accredited status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health, and safety issues.

As part of the assessment, agency members and the public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team by calling 863-837-5078 on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Comments will be taken by the assessment team and the telephone calls will not be screened or recorded. Telephone comments are limited to ten minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CFA Standards. A copy of the standards is available from the Auburndale Police Department or can be viewed online at:

<https://public.powerdms.com/COFLEA/tree/documents/2285789>

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

CFA, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, or email to [info@flaccreditation.org](mailto:info@flaccreditation.org).

The accreditation supervisor for the Auburndale Police Department is Deputy Chief Carin Ketcham. She said the assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from Florida agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The CFA Assessment Team includes Team Leader Deborah Furka of the St. Petersburg Police Department, Corporal Tammy Farnham of the Stuart Police Department, and Deputy Chief Michael Gibson of the Mount Dora Police Department.

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 Auburndale Police Department's accreditation is for 3 years. Verification by the team that the agency 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 Ray said.

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