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HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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Howard County Police Meet Rigorous Standards for National Re-Accreditation

Who: William J. McMahon, Chief of Police
James N. Robey, County Executive
Sylvester Daughtry, Jr., Executive Director
Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies

What: Howard County Police Department Re-Accreditation Ceremony

When: Tuesday, November 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Howard County Police Headquarters
Community Meeting Room
3410 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, Md.

The Howard County Police Department will be recognized Nov. 21 for meeting strict standards set by the national Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Police Chief William J. McMahon will be formally presented with the Commission's re-accreditation certification, which recognizes professional excellence in law enforcement agencies.

CALEA's law enforcement accreditation represents the successful completion of an internal self-evaluation and a detailed outside review by a team of independent assessors. These examiners analyzed all areas of the Howard County Police Department, including policies, procedures and operations, as well as input from county residents. The department had to comply with more than 400 standards to maintain accredited status.

"We are committed to exceeding national law enforcement standards of quality," said Chief McMahon. "This accreditation sends a message to our citizens that we are serious about maintaining the highest possible level of service."

To maintain accreditation, the police department must submit yearly reports of its continuing compliance with CALEA standards. Formal on-site reviews are conducted by a team of assessors every three years. The Howard County Police Department has been nationally accredited since 1990.

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