BEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Respect, Integrity, Courage, Teamwork, Innovation

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ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT FOR BEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

BEDFORD, VA – November 16, 2026 — A team of compliance service members from the **Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®)** is scheduled to conduct a site-based assessment from **December 7–9, 2026**, to evaluate the **Bedford Police Department**. This comprehensive assessment is part of a voluntary process to achieve the department's **initial international accreditation**, a credential that recognizes professional excellence and administrative transparency.

As part of this final evaluation stage, Chief James Moore invites community members, partner public safety organizations, and agency personnel to submit comments, commendations, or general feedback regarding the department's compliance with CALEA standards. Direct public feedback is a vital component of the assessment process and provides external verification of the department's daily service delivery.

Members of the public can easily access the portal and submit their input by visiting the following link: Public Portal Comment

“Welcoming the assessment team for our initial site-based review is a major step forward for our agency,” said **Chief James Moore**. “We welcome open input from the Town of Bedford community, as it ensures we continue to build our operations on a foundation of trust, accountability, and the highest professional policing standards.”

Please note that CALEA is not an investigatory body. The public portal is strictly intended for evaluating the agency's alignment with accreditation tenets and should not be used to report active crimes or personnel complaints requiring internal investigation. Submissions will receive an automated acknowledgment from CALEA but will not receive a direct response; however, all relevant information is formally evaluated by the assessment team.

Following the site-based review, the assessment team will compile a formal report for the Commission, which will then make the final determination on official credentialing.

For more information about the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., or the standard evaluation framework, please visit the official CALEA Law Enforcement Standards.

ABOUT THE BEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Bedford Police Department is dedicated to protecting the Town of Bedford, Virginia, by safeguarding citizens and property while fostering community trust and legitimacy. The agency operates under the core values of respect, integrity, courage, teamwork, and innovation as it pursues its initial CALEA accreditation.