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Tacoma Police Department Launches CALEA Public Comment Portal

Tacoma, Wash. – The Tacoma Police Department has launched a new CALEA public comment portal. As an accredited Police Department through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), the department's policies, procedures, management, operations, and support services are routinely assessed to ensure the highest standards of contemporary law enforcement are being met. National accreditation from CALEA is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence, which only 2 percent of police agencies nationwide possess.

The purpose of this portal is for CALEA to receive public comments regarding the Tacoma Police Department's compliance with CALEA standards, community engagement, delivery of public safety services, and overall candidacy for accredited status. These comments can be in the form of commendations or concerns. CALEA will use these comments to provide information to the department to support continuous improvement, as well as foster the pursuit of professional excellence.

The portal can be accessed on the City of Tacoma website or directly on the CALEA website at: http://cimrs2.calea.org/405.

The Tacoma Police Department's goal is to make Tacoma the safest city in the country by working together with the community, enforcing the law in a fair and impartial manner, preserving the peace and order in neighborhoods, and safeguarding Constitutional guarantees. CALEA accreditation is one part of that overall mission, and the department will continue to use it to serve Tacoma and those who live, work, and visit here.