



NEWS RELEASE

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The Portage Department of Public Safety is scheduled for an on-site assessment to verify that it continues to meet or exceed nationally recognized professional standards. The Portage Department of Public Safety was awarded accredited status in 2002 by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). To maintain accreditation, the program requires agencies to provide written and demonstrated proof of compliance with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policies and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Monday, December 12, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Portage City Hall Council Chambers, 7900 S. Westnedge. If an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, they may do so by telephone. The public may call (269) 329-4587 on Monday, December 12, 2011, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Telephone comments, as well as appearances at the public information session, are limited to ten minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Portage Department of Public Safety Headquarters and can be obtained by calling at (269) 329-4567.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the ability of the Portage Department of Public Safety to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155.

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