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### **Tacoma Police Department Receives Reaccreditation from CALEA**

Tacoma, Wash. – The Tacoma Police Department today gained reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The department was first accredited in 2010, an honor held by just 2 percent of agencies nationwide. Accreditation by CALEA assures the department's policies and procedures, management, operations and support services meet the highest standards of contemporary law enforcement.

"Much work went into becoming reaccredited and I would like to thank every member of our department as we all follow the provisions of CALEA every day," Chief Don Ramsdell told employees in an internal memo. "This reaccreditation is proof that the work done here, day in and day out, is a strong benefit to the residents of Tacoma," he said.

CALEA was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations. The CALEA accreditation program seals are reserved for use by those public safety agencies that have demonstrated compliance with CALEA standards and have been awarded CALEA accreditation by its commission.

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