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GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES REACCREDITATION FROM CALEA

GLENDALE, Ariz. – On July 25, 2015 a board from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) awarded reaccreditation to Glendale Chief of Police Debora Black and the Glendale Police Department. This award was presented after formal hearings before the CALEA Commissioners in Colorado Springs, CO.

A team of assessors from CALEA conducted an assessment the week of April 13, 2015 to examine all aspects of the Glendale Police Department. This examination included a review of the department's policies, procedures, management, operations, and support services. During the on-site assessment, both residents and Chiefs of nearby agencies expressed many positive comments about the Glendale Police Department that included the agency's willingness to assist small law enforcement agencies and overall leadership in the metropolitan area. That assessment was the subject of the hearings held before CALEA. The committee was impressed with our community outreach programs and community engagement through programs that include "Coffee with a Cop," the agency website and overall use of social media, to include the recent introduction of the Nextdoor application.

Also discussed during the hearings was the police department's upcoming acceptance of the Freedom Award by the Department of Defense's ESGR program. The award recognizes the commitment to our employees that have or currently do serve in the Armed Forces. Internal leadership development was also recognized, as the department continues to strive to enhance the organization, highlighted by the point that a member of the Command Staff was recently selected to be the interim Chief of Police in Ferguson, Missouri.

The assessment is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation, a highly prized recognition of professional excellence in the field of law enforcement. The goal of the assessment is to demonstrate that the Glendale Police Department is in compliance with over 480 professional standards, as established by CALEA. The Glendale Police Department was first accredited in the year 2000. The department received reaccreditation in the years 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012 and again now in 2015. Since this was the agency's fifteenth consecutive year of accreditation, the Department was also given the Meritorious Award distinction. This is an important achievement for the men and women of the Glendale Police Department. Members of the assessment team noted it was obvious, through what they observed during their visit, that the Glendale Police Department was committed to the accreditation process through the leadership of Chief Black. The Glendale Police Department is one of only thirteen accredited agencies in the state of Arizona.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. please visit their website at www.calea.org.

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*“The Glendale Police Department’s mission
is to protect the lives and property of the people we serve.”*

*Glendale Police Department
a proud recipient of CALEA National Accreditation since 2000*