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CALEA ACCREDITATION

In November 2017, the Chicago Police Department (CPD) successfully completed the three-year initial accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) that includes a self-assessment culminating in an on-site assessment as part of a voluntary program to achieve advanced law enforcement professional accreditation. The on-site assessment was conducted to verify that CPD is in compliance with the required law enforcement standards and practices.

The on-site assessors completed their assessment and compiled an agency report which was submitted to the CALEA commission for final approval. And as such, I am pleased to report that last month (July 2018), the CPD completed its goal established three years earlier and was awarded its first accreditation through CALEA. This coveted award is considered the highest standard of excellence in law enforcement.

The CALEA accreditation process requires law enforcement agencies to demonstrate compliance with the 484 applicable CALEA advanced law enforcement standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

The CALEA Accreditation Award is granted for four years during which our agency must continue to collect and submit reports and analyses that demonstrate our continued compliance to those standards under which it was initially created. Successful re-accreditation will require the Department to continually evaluate its policies and directives, and provide proof of compliance to those established standards. This process ensures that professionalism and integrity are continuously being monitored, maintained, evaluated, and improved as needed.

By achieving this accreditation, and continuing with the Department's reform efforts, I am confident in our ability to operate professionally and meet the expectations of the community. Achieving this accreditation is recognition that our police department aspires to provide the highest quality services to the public. This process will also provide a proven path for continued progress as we seek to enhance training and become a more proficient organization.

The Chicago Police Department reaffirms its obligation of providing its members and the citizens of this great city with a commitment to excellence in law enforcement leadership, resource management, and service-delivery, by being the largest law enforcement agency in the nation to be presented this prestigious award.

This collective accomplishment is a testament to the hard work and professionalism of each and every one of you.

Thank you for all of your hard work and professionalism, and as always, stay safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eddie T. Johnson".

Eddie T. Johnson
Superintendent of Police