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Miami Township Police Department earns accreditation

National distinction demonstrates department's practice of excellence

The Miami Township Police Department received full accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) during a weekend ceremony in Providence, Rhode Island. The certification demonstrates the department's commitment to the highest quality practices and procedures that serve the community with the upmost integrity.

"This department dedicates itself to serving the community in the best way possible. We feel strongly that the policies we put into place are protecting our citizens, and are worthy of national recognition," Chief Ronald Hess said. "I couldn't be prouder of the department in their efforts to obtain this accreditation from CALEA. We are showing the community that we want to continue to earn their trust by incorporating the 'best practices in our policies and procedures.' I am also proud of the team that represented the department during the commission hearing in Providence, and made the presentation showing CALEA just how high our standards are within the department."

The police department started on the road to accreditation in 2013. It completed a mock assessment in late 2016 and in April 2017, two assessors from CALEA conducted an on-site assessment of the department's policies. The assessors not only reviewed the policies, but also saw proof that the department follows national standards and interacts well with the community.

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“CALEA accreditation represents a commitment to professional excellence. The work of your organization toward attaining this internationally recognized credential is indicative of sound leadership, as well as practitioner support of adherence to standards,” W. Craig Hartley, Jr., executive director, CALEA, said in a congratulatory letter to Chief Hess.

This is the first time in 20 years the department applied for and received accreditation. It will undergo several reviews during the next four years, then must re-apply for the distinction.

The Miami Township Police Department was also certified this year by the Ohio Collaborative, a statewide certification of criminal justice services. Ohio Governor John Kasich announced the Ohio Task Force on Community-Police Relations in December 2014. The task force reviews and commends police departments for superior police-community relations.

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