

Corey S. Sianez, Chief of Police

BUENA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT **PRESS RELEASE**

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ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

Assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive on Sunday, April 10, 2016 to examine all aspects of the Buena Park Police Department's policy and procedures, operations, administration and support services. Verification by the assessors the Buena Park Police Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation – a highly prized recognition of professional excellence in public safety.

As part of the assessment, Department personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments by calling 714-562-3843 between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. or in person at a public information session on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at the Buena Park City Council Chambers located at 6650 Beach Blvd., Buena Park, CA. All comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards. A copy of the standards may be found on the Department's website at <u>http://www.bppd.com</u>.

The Buena Park Police Department must comply with 430 standards in order to gain accredited status. "This is important for the Department and for the Buena Park Community, stated Chief Corey Sianez. Upon receiving accreditation, the Department will join a large number of other Law Enforcement Agencies around the country whose policies and procedures have been recognized as best practices and for our community it means an even higher level of service."

Accreditation is for four years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., you may contact CALEA at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 2015, 703-352-4225, or calea@calea.org.