



Hanover County Sheriff's Office
Colonel V. Stuart Cook, Sheriff



News Release

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The Hanover County Sheriff's Office is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of a program to maintain national accreditation by verifying that it meets professional law enforcement standards.

An assessment team representing the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive in Hanover on August 5th, 2006 to begin a five-day intensive inspection of every facet of the Sheriff's Office.

Verification by the team that the Sheriff's Office meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to maintain the Sheriff's Office status as a nationally accredited law enforcement organization – a highly prized recognition of professional excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees, citizens and members of the business community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Monday, August 7th, 2006 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Hanover County Board Room, located in the Hanover County Courthouse Complex on Rt. 301.

For those who cannot attend the public information session, the assessors will field comments by phone from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. the day before (Sunday, 8/6/2006). The team can be reached on during this time at (804)-365-6686.

To ensure that all interested parties are able to comment, all telephone comments and appearances should be limited to 10 minutes and must be limited to the Sheriff's Office ability to comply with these professional standards. A copy of these standards is available at the Sheriff's Office.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Sheriff's Office in this respect, may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2215.

Currently, the Sheriff's Office is one of only 23 law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth of Virginia to hold national accreditation status through CALEA.

If you have questions, or need further information, please do not hesitate to call on Lt. Doug Goodman at 365-6312.

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