



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



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For the past four days, every facet of the Hanover County Sheriff's Office has undergone an intense inspection of our professionalism, commitment to service, and attention to detail. This assessment was completed by three independent assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc (CALEA).

At the conclusion of the inspection, the assessment team found the Sheriff's Office to be in compliance with all 329 *mandatory* standards applicable to their function, and 75 *optional* standards.

Although the re-accreditation status will not be formally confirmed until a full Commission hearing in March of 2007, the Sheriff's Office is very pleased with the inspection team's recommendation.

"I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all members of the Hanover County Sheriff's Office and the community, especially those who took time to come to the public hearing, write letters, and call in to the assessment panel," said Colonel Cook, Sheriff of Hanover County

During the final interview with our office, the team leader, Chief Rob Sofie (ret.) of CALEA said, "Sheriff, your people do their job very well, but it's not just a job for them, it's in their heart."

In reaction to the team's inspection results, Colonel Cook said, "This is a fine example of how the Sheriff's Office continues to strive to maintain professional standards to retain the trust of our citizens."