

Sheriff's Office achieves State and International Reaccreditation Awards

Dual reaccreditation awards were presented to the Hanover County Sheriff's Office before the Hanover County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, April 14, 2010.

With these awards, the Sheriff's Office remains one of only 24 law enforcement agencies in Virginia to have earned and maintained international designation through The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and one of 82 agencies in the Commonwealth to have earned and maintained state accreditation through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC).



Pictured from left to right: Deputy Maria Carrasco, Lieutenant Colonel David R. Hines, Lieutenant Brian Lecarpentier, Colonel V. Stuart Cook, and Lieutenant Kerri Freis

The international (CALEA) reaccreditation status was independently evaluated last August (2009). At that time, the Sheriff's Office was found to be in compliance with 401 standards applicable to its function. The assessment team leader, Terry Boatwright (Folly Beach Public Safety Department, South Carolina) commended Colonel Cook and his staff for "their commitment to excellence and for providing a professional and well-managed sheriff's office that the citizens of Hanover County can rightly be proud of." The Sheriff's Office was originally accredited by CALEA in 2003.

In January of 2010, three Virginia assessors representing VLEPSC evaluated the Sheriff's Office and its adherence to 187 law enforcement standards. The lead assessor, retired Chief David A. Daigneault (James City County Police Department), described the Sheriff's Office as "a well-equipped, well-trained, and truly professional department in all aspects of law enforcement." The Sheriff's Office was found to be in full compliance with all applicable standards, gaining its third reaccreditation. The Sheriff's Office has maintained accreditation from VLEPSC since 1998.

Presenting the coveted awards before the Board were Mr. Craig Hartley, Deputy Director for CALEA, and Mr. Gary Dillon, Director of VLEPSC.

"The accreditation process and the success of the Sheriff's Office in obtaining these awards is a tribute to the hard work and professionalism of the men and women of the Hanover County Sheriff's Office and the support we receive from our citizens," Colonel V. Stuart Cook, Sheriff of Hanover County.

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