



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



*News Release*

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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. At the conclusion of the inspection, the assessment team found our Office to be in compliance with all 325 *mandatory* standards applicable to our function, and 75 *optional* standards applicable to our function.

Although we will not be awarded our formal national accreditation status until voted on by the entire Commission in November 2003, we are 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. During the final interview with our office, the team leader, Major Patricia Garrison of CALEA said, "Sheriff, the greatest resource, truly, is your people."

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

Colonel V. Stuart Cook  
Sheriff