



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



***News Release***

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**This past weekend in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA) confirmed that the Hanover County Sheriff's Office has met the standards to become a Nationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency.**

With this, the Hanover County Sheriff's Office becomes the 24<sup>th</sup> law enforcement agency in the Commonwealth to earn this national title, and is the first Sheriff's Office with primary law enforcement responsibilities in the state to become nationally accredited.

The Sheriff's Office was state accredited in 1998 by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission and in now joins the Henrico County Division of Police as only the second law enforcement agency in Virginia to hold both state and national accreditation.

This process formally started two years ago and culminated in 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 an additional 75 *optional* standards.

"It is clear from the independent inspection and review of your agency that the success in maintaining a low crime rate and a high quality of life is due to the partnership that you and the members of your agency have fostered with the community," said CALEA Commissioner Dr. Frank Green in his remarks to Colonel Cook and his staff.

The review committee, chaired by Sheriff Stanley Glanz of Tulsa, Oklahoma, voted unanimously to grant national accreditation to the Hanover County Sheriff's Office.

"I am very grateful to the commission for this honor, but it is not mine, for without the dedication, professionalism, and commitment of the members of the Hanover County Sheriff's Office, this designation would not have come to fruition," said Colonel V. Stuart Cook.

The members of the Sheriff's Office would like to express our sincere appreciation to the members of the community we serve for their continued support.

Colonel V. Stuart Cook  
Sheriff