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Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

COLUMBUS – The Columbus Regional Airport Authority’s Division of Public Safety is in the process of recertifying its accreditation with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) and seeks public input on the department’s performance.

The Airport Authority Division of Public Safety was first accredited in 2005. Accreditation lasts for a period of three years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

“The Columbus Regional Airport Authority Division of Public Safety must comply with 464 standards in order to gain accredited status,” explained Public Safety Director John Rockwell. “We feel that it is beneficial to both the entire airport community as well as the flying public that we provide the most professional law enforcement organization possible. Accreditation will help us to continue to meet that goal.”

A team of assessors from CALEA will examine all aspects of the Division of Public Safety’s policy and procedures, management, operations and support services as part of the accreditation process. Verification by the team that the Airport Authority’s Division of Public Safety meets the Commission’s high standards is part of a voluntary process to retain accreditation, which is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, Airport Authority employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments via a public information session or telephone. Details are below:

Public Comment Session

Date: April 18, 2011
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Emergency Operations Center at Port Columbus International Airport
Located on the mezzanine above the food court
4600 International Gateway
Columbus, Ohio 43219

Telephone Comment Session

Date: April 18, 2011
Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Telephone number: 614-332-7200



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Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards which are available by calling 614-239-5018.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the CRAA Division of Public Safety's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to submit comments to the following: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155.

The Accreditation Program Manager for the Airport Authority Division of Public Safety is Robert Mauldin, who said the assessment team is comprised of law enforcement practitioners from similar but out-of-state agencies.

"The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed," explained Mauldin. "Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, their findings will be reported to the full Commission, which will then decide if accreditation will be granted."

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. please write the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155, or call 703-352-4225.

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