



For Immediate Release
March 2, 2017

**Assessment team invites public comment
on Columbus Regional Airport Authority public safety division**
Division seeks to retain prestigious law enforcement accreditation

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

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 Division of Public Safety meets the commission’s state-of-the-art police standards is part of a voluntary process to retain accreditation, which is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement excellence.

Accreditation lasts for a period of four years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited. The Division of Public Safety was first accredited in 2005 and has since been reaccredited in 2008, 2011 and 2014. As part of the on-site assessment, agency 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 3, 2017
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: John Glenn Columbus International Airport
Emergency Operations Center (mezzanine level above the food court)
4600 International Gateway
Columbus, Ohio 43219

Telephone Comment Session

Date: April 3, 2017
Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Telephone number: (614) 239-4075

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. A copy of the standards can be obtained by contacting Lieutenant Scott Bekemeier at 614-239-5015.

People wishing to offer written comments about the Division of Public Safety’s ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Blvd, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155. Questions regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies can also be mailed to this address or 703-352-4225.

– End –