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## **ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT THE Town of Surfside Police Department**

SURFSIDE: A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive December 1, 2015 through December 3, 2015 to examine all aspects of the Surfside Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief David Allen announced today. The Surfside Police Department has to comply with approximately 260 standards in order to receive accredited status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health and safety issues.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. A copy of the standards is available through the Surfside Police Department's Accreditation Manager Lieutenant John Bambis in Surfside at 305-861-4862.

For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the Surfside Police Department's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please write:

CFA, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, or email to [info@flaccreditation.org](mailto:info@flaccreditation.org).

The Accreditation Program Manager for the South Florida Region is William "Billy" Walls. He said the assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies. The assessors will review written materials; interview individuals; and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The CFA Assessment Team Leader is Chief Darryl Daniels of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. Other team members are Sergeant Bob Thomas of the Palm Beach County School District Police Department and Officer Jason Castillo of the Key West Police Department.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to receive accredited status. Surfside Police Department's accreditation is for 3 years. Verification by the team that The Surfside Police Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain or maintain accreditation-a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence, Chief Allen said.

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