



Goldsboro Police Department
Office of the Chief of Police
Chief Michael West

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Goldsboro Police Department Awarded International Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation by CALEA[®]

The Goldsboro Police Department was awarded international accreditation on Friday, November 13, 2020 by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA[®]) in the Advanced Law Enforcement program.

Following a multi-year self-assessment phase and a meticulous site-based assessment of community engagement, policy, procedures, equipment and facilities by CALEA assessors, Goldsboro Police Department Chief of Police Michael West, Accreditation Manager Marilyn Wagner, and Command Staff went before the CALEA commission for a review of all assessment findings to determine the agency's accreditation status.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the usual CALEA Conference, where agencies are formally reviewed and awarded in person, was taken online to a virtual format. On Friday, November 13, 2020, the CALEA Commission voted to approve accreditation of the Goldsboro Police Department. This is the Goldsboro Police Department's first award of international accreditation. The Goldsboro Police Department now moves into CALEA's four-year accreditation cycle that includes four annual remote, web-based file reviews and a site-based assessment in the fourth year. The Goldsboro Police Department is the first law enforcement agency in Wayne County to obtain CALEA accreditation.

"CALEA accreditation is the gold standard in law enforcement accreditation. We began this process 3 years ago because of our commitment to excellence and best practices. I am proud of the men and women of the Department who have worked so diligently to achieve this Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation award. We are the first CALEA accredited agency in Wayne County. I am honored to accept the award on behalf of the Department and the City of Goldsboro," stated Chief Michael West.

About CALEA

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA[®]) was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations.

The purpose of CALEA's Accreditation Programs is to improve the delivery of public safety services, primarily by: maintaining a body of standards, developed by public safety practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives; establishing and administering an accreditation process; and recognizing professional excellence.

This accreditation program provides public safety agencies an opportunity to voluntarily demonstrate that they meet an established set of professional standards based on industry best practices and approved by an all-volunteer board of commissioners.