



Shreveport Fire Department

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ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

(Shreveport, LA) A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) will arrive July 18, 2015 to examine all aspects of Shreveport Fire Department Communications Division's policy and procedures, management, and operations, Chief of Communications Kathy Rushworth announced today.

Verification by the team that Shreveport Fire Department Communications Division meets the Commission's state-of-the art standards is part of a voluntary process to main accreditation – "a highly prized recognition of public safety communications excellence", Chief Rushworth stated.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments by calling (318) 675-2235 on Monday, July 20, 2015 between the hours of 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Comments will be taken by the assessment team.

Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards. A copy of the standards is available at Shreveport Communications Division. Local contact is Rita Cooks at (318) 675-2200.

Persons wishing to submit written comments about Shreveport Fire Department Communications Division's ability to comply with standards for accreditation may send them to:

CALEA
13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320
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Chief Rushworth stated that The Shreveport Fire Department Communications Division must continuously comply with over 200 rigorous standards in order to maintain accredited status. She further explained that accreditation provides official recognition of the dedication and hard work of the Shreveport Fire Department Communications Division who work tirelessly 24-hours a day, 7 days a week to assist our citizens and visitors in emergency situations.

