



Media Alert

New Commissioner Appointed

Gainesville, Virginia, May 17, 2022 – The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), the Gold Standard in Public Safety, is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Commissioner, Chief Cerelyn Davis of the Memphis, Tennessee Police Department. This appointment is effective April 29, 2022, and in this capacity, she will contribute to the promulgation of standards for public safety agencies and review candidate agencies for accredited status.

Commissioner Cerelyn Davis has served as the chief of police for the city of Memphis since June 2021, and previously in the same capacity for the Durham, North Carolina Police Department. She began her career with the city of Atlanta, where she was assigned to a variety of operational, administrative, and specialized assignments within the municipal police department. Commissioner Davis quickly rose through the ranks before retiring as Deputy Chief in 2016. She holds a Master of Administration from Central Michigan University and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Saint Leo University. Chief Davis is an alumna of the FBI National Academy and formerly served as President of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. She is also on the Board of Directors for the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

The knowledge and experience Commissioner Davis brings to CALEA ensures the organization continues to meet its mission of promoting professionalism within the field of public safety. CALEA congratulates and welcomes Commissioner Davis to the CALEA Board of Commissioners.

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About CALEA

The organization was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations: International Association of Chiefs of Police; National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; National Sheriffs' Association; and the Police Executive Research Forum.

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.

Specifically, CALEA's goals are to: strengthen crime prevention and control capabilities; formalize essential management procedures; establish fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices; improve service delivery; solidify interagency cooperation and coordination; and increase community and staff confidence in the agency.

The CALEA Accreditation process is a proven modern management model; once implemented, it presents the Chief Executive Officer, on a continuing basis, with a blueprint that promotes the efficient use of resources and improves service delivery—regardless of the size, geographic location, or functional responsibilities of the agency. This programming provides public safety agencies an opportunity to voluntarily demonstrate they meet an established set of professional standards based on industry best practices and approved by an all-volunteer board of commissioners.

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