



Corvallis Police Department Accreditation

The Corvallis Police Department is an internationally accredited agency through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA). The department was first accredited on March 25, 1995 and received reaccreditation on March 25, 2006. We are one of six law enforcement agencies in Oregon who have achieved this standard. Nationally only 581 law enforcement agencies have attained this accreditation.

The Law Enforcement Accreditation Program was originally developed to address what was seen as a need to enhance law enforcement as a profession and to improve law enforcement. The program is open to all types of law enforcement agencies on an international basis. It provides a process to systematically conduct an internal review and assessment of the agency's policies and procedures, and make adjustments wherever necessary to meet a body of internationally accepted standards.

The standards upon which the Law Enforcement Accreditation Program is based reflect the current thinking and experience of law enforcement practitioners and researchers. Major law enforcement associations, leading educational and training institutions, governmental agencies, as well as law enforcement executives internationally acknowledge CALEA's Standards for Law Enforcement Agencies© and its Accreditation Program as benchmarks for today's law enforcement agency.

CALEA Accreditation facilitates an agency's pursuit of professional excellence. It has required us to develop a comprehensive, well thought out, uniform set of written directives. This is one of the most successful methods for reaching administrative and operational goals while also providing direction to our staff. The standards provide the necessary reports and analyses the Chief needs to make fact-based, informed management decisions. Accreditation requires a preparedness program be put in place so we are ready to address natural or man-made unusual occurrences. It serves as a means for developing and improving upon our department's relationship with our community. Accreditation strengthens our accountability, both within the department and the community, through a continuum of standards that clearly define authority, performance, and responsibilities. Being accredited can limit our liability and risk exposure because it demonstrates that internationally recognized standards for law enforcement have been met as verified by a team of independent outside CALEA-trained assessors.