



BARTLETT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Bartlett Police Earns 4th National Reaccreditation & 2nd Flagship Agency Status

On November 21, 2009 the Bartlett Police Department formally accepted its fourth reaccreditation award (fifth award overall) in Salt Lake City, Utah from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since being accredited on November 22, 1997. The award was accepted by Village Administrator Valerie Salmons, Chief Dan Palmer and Accreditation Manager Nora Ackerley. Every three years, agencies must reapply for accreditation, which is formal recognition that an agency has an excellent record of service and operation. The previous re-accreditation was awarded in Reno, Nevada in November 2006. The on-site inspection was conducted in August of this year. During this time, the assessment team toured the police department, interviewed employees and members of the community, held a public forum, took phone calls from all interested parties, and reviewed documents. The team found the department in compliance with 461 of the 463 standards applicable to the agency (99.5%). There are 102 standards that are optional and the department is required to comply with 80% of these optional standards. The department was found in compliance with 100 of the 102 standards (98%).

The Bartlett Police Department was also recognized as a CALEA Flagship Agency a second time for continually demonstrating excellence in commitment to the CALEA accreditation process and a willingness to share its policies, procedures, and the accreditation process with all other CALEA agencies. The Bartlett Police Department is very proud to have attained this prestigious honor since only 2% of the accredited agencies have achieved the Flagship Agency status twice and only 11% of the current Flagship Agencies have accomplished this feat a second time.

CALEA was formed in 1979 through the collaborative efforts of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, National Sheriffs' Association, and the Police Executive Research Forum to create a professional management model for police agencies. The primary purposes of CALEA are to improve law enforcement service by creating a national body of standards developed by law enforcement professionals and to recognize professional achievements by establishing and administering an accreditation process through which a law enforcement agency can demonstrate that it met professionally-recognized criteria for excellence in management and service delivery.

Accreditation is an ongoing process rather than a triennial event. The Police Department works daily to maintain compliance with the standards. In the next two years, a team of assessors will be brought to the agency on to conduct a "mock assessment". During this time, the team will review the agency's compliance and make recommendations for improvement. These inspections are not required by CALEA, but have helped to insure the department will be ready for the next official assessment in 2012, when they must reapply to the Commission.

Submitted by,

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