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COMMUNICATIONS ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), will arrive in Centennial on August 25, 2007, to examine all aspects of the policies and procedures, management and operations of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Communications Center.

Verification by the team that the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Communications Center meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation, which is a highly prized recognition of public safety professional excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments directly to the assessment team by telephone. The public may call (720) 874-3911 on Monday August 27, 2007, between the hours of 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office's ability to comply with CALEA's Communications standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office. The local contact is Accreditation Manager Susan Relihan at 720.874.4174.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office's ability to meet the standards for communication accreditation are requested to write:

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The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office has to comply with 210 applicable standards in order to gain accredited status.

The assessment team is comprised of Major Paul Baggett from Polk County Sheriff in Florida, and Commander Laura Zelif of Grants Pass Public Safety in Oregon. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, observe activities, and interact with agency representatives in order to witness compliance with the standards.

For additional information, please contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 720.874.4165.

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