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SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER EARNS ACCREDITATION

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Communications Center became the first Communications Center in the State of Colorado to achieve international accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). In order to achieve CALEA accreditation, the Communications Center of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office is required to demonstrate full compliance with 207 state-of-the-art performance standards. Compliance with the communications performance standards is verified through a file review and on-site assessment, which is conducted by a team of CALEA certified public safety practitioners. The CALEA accreditation communication performance standards focus on four areas of responsibility; policy and procedures, administration, operations and support services. In order to remain accredited, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Communications Center must consistently demonstrate compliance with all of the communications performance standards for three years, when CALEA will again conduct an on-site assessment to evaluate the Sheriff's Office accreditation status.

CALEA was established in 1979 by four major law enforcement membership associations: the National Sheriffs' Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Association of Black Law Enforcement Executives and the Police Executive Research Forum. CALEA is an independent accrediting authority, responsible for developing the internationally accepted public safety standards, ensuring that the accreditation standards remain consistent with public safety best practices and administering the accreditation process.

"The women and men of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office are very proud to have earned the CALEA Communications Center Accreditation, which is one of five accreditations currently held by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office," said Sheriff

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Grayson Robinson. The Sheriff's Office continues to hold agency-wide accreditation through CALEA, detentions facility accreditation through the American Corrections Association, detentions medical facility accreditation through the National Commission on Correctional Health Care and agency-wide accreditation through the County Sheriff's of Colorado/Colorado Chiefs of Police. Sheriff Robinson stated, "While achieving accreditation is a difficult and challenging process, compliance with the validated performance standards ensures that we continue to enhance the critical partnership between our community and their sheriff's office, with a dedicated focus on effective and efficient public safety services."

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