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The Hollis Police Department is pleased to announce that on November 18, 2022, it received reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). CALEA is the premier credentialing authority providing accreditation to police agencies. CALEA has developed thousands of professional standards that cover all areas of law enforcement operations, including use of force, employee conduct, internal investigations, social services, and more.

To be accredited, a law enforcement agency must meet these high professional standards and demonstrate compliance in their policies, procedures, and practices on an annual basis. The agency then undergoes a rigorous site-based assessment every four years. During this on-site examination, the assessors conduct interviews, meet with the public, and observe first-hand how well the agency complies with the CALEA standards.

Accreditation by CALEA is a challenging endeavor. In the United States, only 930 of roughly 18,000 police departments participate in the national accreditation process. In New Hampshire, only 17 of the roughly 400 law enforcement agencies have received accreditation. The Hollis Police Department has now been continuously accredited since 2018.

In regard to the agency's status as an accredited law enforcement agency, Chief Joseph Hoebeke said, "I am very proud of the quality of service our police officers and civilian staff provide to our safe and thriving community. Our commitment to the accreditation process illustrates the hard work and professionalism of all of the men and women who work within the ranks of the Hollis Police Department. It is important to mention the efforts of our Accreditation Manager Lieutenant James Maloney for the important role he plays in this process, as well as each and every staff member, for their dedication and commitment to excellence. We are proud of this honor and we will continue to provide the highest, most professional policing services to the Town of Hollis."