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The Hollis Police Department is pleased to announce that the agency has completed its re-accreditation assessment through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). On March 21st and 22nd, members of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) held a site-based assessment as part of the agency's on-going re-accreditation process.

CALEA's site-based assessment team included Mr. David Belmonte, a retired Chief of Police from the Lake Bluff, Illinois Police Department, and Ms. Cheryl Bookwalter, Business Manager and Accreditation Manager for the Ashland, Virginia Police Department.

The assessment team's area of focus included the Hollis Police Department's School Resource Officer Program, the body-worn camera and in-car video program, recruitment and selection, collaborative partnerships, community engagement, and wellness program. The assessment team conducted interviews of agency personnel, town staff, elected officials, allied law enforcement partners, residents, business owners, faith-based leaders, personnel from supporting non-governmental agencies, as well as other government officials.

The assessment team will now draft a detailed report of their observations during the site-based assessment and forward it to the CALEA Commission. In November, members of the Hollis Police Department will appear at a Commission hearing, to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, where a final decision on reaccreditation will be determined.

The Hollis Police Department is one of the smallest nationally accredited law enforcement agencies in the State of New Hampshire, and one of approximately 30 nationwide with fewer than 25 sworn officers. The agency extends its heartfelt appreciation to all those who expressed their support through this process; in the absence of such support, accreditation would not be possible.

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