



Lauderhill Police Department

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RE: ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT THE LAUDERHILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will be at the Lauderhill Police Department from April 1st through the 3rd to examine all aspects of the Lauderhill Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. The Lauderhill Police Department has to comply with approximately 272 standards in order to receive accredited status.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. The public may call (954) 714-4801 on Wednesday, April 2nd, between the hours of 1:00pm and 5:00pm. Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CFA standards. A copy of the standards manual is available on the CFA's website at: <http://www.flaccreditation.org/standards.htm>

For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the Lauderhill Police Department's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please write: CFA, 3504 Lake Lynda Drive, Suite 380, Orlando, Florida, 32817. The Accreditation Program Manager for the Lauderhill Police Department is Zoi Marquez.

The assessment team is composed of experienced law enforcement practitioners from different areas of the state. The assessors will review written materials; interview individuals; and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The CFA Assessment Team Leader is Major Gary Robinson of the Port Saint Lucie Police Department. The other team members are Lieutenant Robert Rowe of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Accreditation Coordinator Linda Blanning of the Fort Pierce Police Department.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to receive accredited status. The Lauderhill Police Department's accreditation is for 3 years. Verification by the team that the Lauderhill Police Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain or maintain accreditation—a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.