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### **“Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment”**

(Vancouver, WA) A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) will arrive July 16, 2017, to examine all aspects of the Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency's (CRESA's) policy and procedures, management, operations and support services, Director Dave Fuller announced today.

The assessment team is comprised of Team Leader Zeta Fail and Team Member Kathy Strickland. Verification by the team that CRESA meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain re-accreditation – a highly prized recognition of public safety communications excellence, Mr. Fuller stated.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments by calling (360) 992-6274 on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, between the hours of 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM. Comments will be taken by the assessment team. Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the Agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards.

Persons wishing to submit written comment about CRESA's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite #320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155.

The Agency has to comply with 219 standards in order to retain accredited status, Director Dave Fuller stated. Mr. Fuller further explained that accreditation will provide official recognition of the dedication and hard work of the professionals at CRESA who work tirelessly 24-hours a day, 7-days a week to assist community members in emergency situations.

Accreditation is for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., please write the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite #320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155; or call (800) 368-3757 or email [calea@calea.org](mailto:calea@calea.org).

