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ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT THE EDGEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Edgewood, Florida: A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive April 16, 2019 to examine all aspects of the Edgewood Police Department's policies & procedures, management, operations, and support services. The Edgewood Police Department has to comply with approximately 238 standards in order to receive reaccredited status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health and safety issues.

As part of the on-site assessment, department members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. Comments must be in writing and must address the department's ability to comply with CFA standards. A copy of all standards is available at the Edgewood Police Department, 5565 South Orange Avenue, Edgewood, Florida 32809 (Phone # 407-851-2820).

For more information regarding CFA, or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the Edgewood Police Department's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please write to: CFA, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, or e-mail to: info@flaccreditation.org.

The Accreditation Manager for the Edgewood Police Department is Officer First Class Adam LaFan. He said the assessment team is composed of law enforcement professionals from similar departments. 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 Lieutenant Gary Barrett from the Leesburg Police Department. He will be assisted by team members: Investigator Gary Robinson from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and Detective Justin Woodall from the Leon County Sheriff's Office.

Once the assessors complete their review of the department, they report back to the Commission, which will then decide if the department is to receive reaccredited status. The Edgewood Police Department's accreditation is for a 3-year period. Verification by the team that the Edgewood Police Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain and maintain accreditation – a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.