

**City of
Bellevue**



MANAGEMENT BRIEF

DATE: April 7, 2014
TO: Mayor Balducci and City Councilmembers
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SUBJECT: CALEA Re-Accreditation for the Bellevue Police Department

On March 22, 2014, the Bellevue Police Department received re-accreditation from the Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation (CALEA), marking the twelfth year of continuous accreditation by this organization. Chief Linda Pillo was pleased to accept the award along with other Police Department staff in Garden Grove, CA.

The Bellevue Police Department is one of 775 law enforcement agencies of 17,885 nationwide that participate in the accreditation, meaning that only 4.3% of all law enforcement agencies can say they are accredited by this national agency.

CALEA evaluates departments for best practices in policing, reviewing 481 individual standards, including assessing an agency's capabilities in management decisions, preparedness programs, community relationships, accountability, risk and liability exposure, and pursuit of professional excellence. Included in the accreditation process is an on-site inspection at the end of the third year by independent law enforcement executives, and CALEA assessors conducted their on-site inspection for three days in December 2013. The assessment found the department was in compliance in all appropriate standards, noting in their final assessment report

"The Bellevue Police Department was flush with innovation, talent, desire, and the tools that allow the agency to serve at the highest levels of public service. The assessment team found the agency to be focused on providing service to their community through the best practice, best policy standards of professional accreditation. A continual drive towards efficiency and effective operations was noted by the assessment team with an emphasis on transparency of operations to the citizens they serve. From the front line officers, through to the leadership of the organization, we found the Bellevue Police Department a community connected and mission focused law enforcement agency with pride and dedication at the forefront."