Chief Linda J. Stump-Kurnick announced a team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive March 18, 2015 to examine all aspects of the University of Florida Police Department’s policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. University of Florida Police Department has to comply with approximately 260 standards in order to receive accredited status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health, and safety issues.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. A copy of the standards is available through the University of Florida Police Department’s Public Information Officer in Gainesville, FL at (352)-273-3309.

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

The Accreditation Program Manager for University Of Florida Police Department is Lieutenant Scott Summers. He indicated that the assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies. The assessors will review written materials; interview individuals; and visit offices and other locations where compliance can be witnessed. The CFA Assessment Team Leader is Vicki Cutcliffe who is the Accreditation Team Manager for Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Police Department (FAMU.) Other team members include Nicolas Haupt who is affiliated with the Boca Raton Police Department, and Keely Weaver with Florida Highway Patrol.
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 re-accredited status. University of Florida Police Department’s accreditation is for 3 years. Chief Linda J. Stump-Kurnick stated “Verification by the team that the University of Florida 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.”

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