The University of Florida Police Department (UFPD) has been awarded accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) for the seventh time. The UFPD was initially accredited in 1996 and was the 14th university law enforcement agency in the country to do so at the time.

The CALEA accreditation is awarded by an independent reviewing committee which conducts an on-site evaluation of the agency. The accreditation reviewers were in Gainesville in December when they not only conducted an on-site evaluation, but also solicited input from the campus community and the public.

During this accreditation, the UFPD was recognized as receiving the Accreditation with Excellence Award which is only granted to those agencies noted for setting the benchmark for public safety professionalism. In order to achieve that recognition, UFPD met the following criteria:

- Excellence in the development and implementation of contemporary policies and procedures.
- Excellence in the ability to use the CALEA Accreditation process as a tool for continuous organizational improvement.
- Excellence in the collection, review and analysis of organizational data for the purpose of public safety service improvement.
- Advocacy for CALEA Accreditation as a strategy for enhancing the professional standing of public safety.
- Excellence in addressing the intent of CALEA standards, beyond compliance.
- Organizational culture supportive of CALEA Accreditation.
- Standards compliance and accreditation process success.

Attaining accredited status demonstrates to the community that an agency is committed to maintaining the highest standards of professional law enforcement service. An agency is accredited for a period of three years after which the agency must then apply for reaccreditation.
The UFPD is accredited on the national level by CALEA, and is also accredited on two additional levels. The department is accredited on the state level through the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) as well as the college level through the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA)

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