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FLORENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES CALEA ACCREDITATION

The Florence Police Department became the fourth municipal police department in the State of Alabama to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) at the CALEA conference held this past weekend in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Chief Rick Singleton, Mayor Bobby Irons and Capt. Ron Tyler, the departments' accreditation manager, accepted the certificate of accreditation at a recognition ceremony held Saturday night.

"This is one of the most significant milestones accomplished by the Florence Police Department in its' history" Chief Singleton said. "I want to personally thank Capt. Ron Tyler who recommended we pursue accreditation and put in a tremendous amount of work and effort over the past two years to make it happen".

To be accredited, the department had to meet close to two hundred standards that demonstrate a commitment to professionalism. **The standards address nine major law enforcement areas:**

1. **role, responsibilities, and relationships**
2. **organization, management, and administration**
3. **personnel structure**
4. **personnel process**
5. **operations**
6. **operation support**
7. **traffic operations**
8. **detainee and court-related activities**
9. **auxiliary and technical services**

Mayor Irons stated "I am excited that our police department has achieved this level of recognition. I am very proud of the men and women of our police department and the work they do to keep our community safe."