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Christiansburg Police Department to Undergo Reaccreditation Assessment – Public Invited to ‘Static Display’ on June 4th

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(Christiansburg, Virginia) – A team of assessors from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) will arrive on June 4, 2012 to examine all aspects of the Christiansburg Police Department policy and procedures, management, operation and support service as part of consideration for reaccreditation.

Verification that the Christiansburg Police Department meets the Commission’s state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation - a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence. In order to gain accredited status, 187 standards must be met.

The Christiansburg Police Department is proud to have held accreditation status since 2000.

“Accreditation in the law enforcement community is a coveted status, which we are proud to achieve. We are confident that by meeting the standards set forth by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission, we are better to prepared to protect our citizens,” says Chief Mark A. Sisson.

The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies. The assessors will review written material, interview individuals and visit offices and the places where compliance can be witnessed.

As part of the assessment process, a “static display” will be held at the Christiansburg Recreation Center on June 4, 2012 beginning at 3:30 p.m. The public is welcome to visit this session, where Christiansburg Police Department personnel will be on hand and police vehicles, tactical gear, etc. will be on display.

“Once the assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status,” says Lieutenant Tim Brown, the accreditation manager for the Christiansburg Police Department.

Accreditation status is granted for four years. During this time, the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

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