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Bensenville Police Department Honored with Prestigious Accreditation

Bensenville, IL – After many months of preparation, the Village of Bensenville’s Police Department was officially awarded with a prestigious accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This accreditation is nationally recognized as a gold standard in public safety and recognizes the high level of policing offered by the Bensenville Police Department.

“I commend the Bensenville Police Department for their hard work to earn this accreditation through CALEA. It is an honor for the department to achieve this accreditation and is another demonstration of the high level of professionalism provided by our officers,” said Village President Frank DeSimone.

During the weekend of November 16, 2019, Chief Daniel Schulze, Deputy Chief Brian Dooley, and Sergeant Juliann Wilson attended the CALEA Conference in Covington, Kentucky. Chief Schulze testified in front of the Accreditation Review Committee on behalf of the department, resulting in approval for recommendation to the full Commission. Later that evening, the full Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies awarded the Department Full Accreditation status for the next four years.

The Village attained initial accreditation with the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) in 2015. Accreditation has become the primary method for a law enforcement agency to voluntarily demonstrate its commitment to excellence in law enforcement. The standards upon which the Law Enforcement Accreditation Program are based reflect the current thinking and experience of law enforcement practitioners and researchers. Major law enforcement associations, leading educational and training institutions, governmental agencies, as well as law enforcement executives internationally, acknowledge CALEA standards for Law Enforcement Agencies and its Accreditation Programs as benchmarks for professional law enforcement agencies.

About Bensenville: Bensenville is conveniently located just 20 miles west of downtown Chicago in DuPage County, adjacent to O’Hare International Airport, surrounded by major expressways, and boasts several public transportation options including a Metra commuter station. With plenty to offer both families and businesses like brand new schools, great parks, and special events year round, Bensenville really is the “Gateway to Opportunity.” Please visit our website at: www.bensenville.il.us



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CALEA law enforcement standards cover roles, responsibilities, and relationships with other agencies; organization, management, and administration; personnel administration; law enforcement operations, operational support, and traffic law enforcement; detainee and court-related services; and auxiliary and technical services.

Accreditation serves as a strong foundation to assist the Bensenville Police Department in attaining the high level of professional service it provides to the community. The Bensenville Police Department stands amongst the few departments in the state of Illinois to attain dual accreditation demonstrating an ability to comply with the best practices of law enforcement at both a state and international level.

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(Bensenville Police Chief Dan Schulze proudly accepting a certificate of accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. From left to right: CALEA Representative Anthony Purcell, Deputy Chief Brian Dooley, Chief Dan Schulze, Sergeant Juliann Wilson, and CALEA Representative Craig Hartley)

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