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**Public is Invited to Participate in National Accreditation Process
for Washington State Patrol**

Olympia, WA - The Washington State Patrol is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of its annual national accreditation for professional standards in law enforcement. Public comment is an important part of this rigorous assessment process.

Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), the accreditation program requires law enforcement agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to provide input and comments on WSP operations.

- A [link](#) is now available on the WSP website for any agency employee and members of the community to provide comments about the Washington State Patrol's dedication to maintaining its CALEA Tri-Arc accreditation. (Go to www.wsp.wa.gov and click 'About Us', then 'Accreditation' to learn more.)
- The CALEA TRI-ARC Award is given to the governing body (or bodies) and agencies that have concurrent CALEA accreditation for their law enforcement, public safety communications and public safety training agencies.

Comments must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. For Information about the standards, please go to the following links:

Law Enforcement <https://www.calea.org/node/11406>
Public Safety Communications: <https://www.calea.org/standards-titles> and/or
Training: <https://www.calea.org/node/11406>

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Washington State Patrol's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155 or www.calea.org."

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