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HERMOSA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT INVITES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR 2016 ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT

Community Commentary Session Scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016

HERMOSA BEACH, CA – Oct. 6, 2016 – The Hermosa Beach Police Department (HBPD) today announces that a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive in November to examine all aspects of the Hermosa Beach Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations and support services, according to Police Chief Sharon Papa.

CALEA accreditation verifies that the HBPD continues to meet the Commission's state of the art standards. The voluntary reaccreditation process by the City of Hermosa Beach allows the police department to achieve the highest recognition of law enforcement excellence. The City was awarded initial accreditation in November 2010, and was awarded reaccreditation in 2014. Reaccreditation is for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with the standards under which it was initially accredited.

The Hermosa Beach CALEA Assessment Team Leader for 2016 is Assistant Chief Sharon Massey from Deer Park Police Department in Texas. Massey will oversee a team of law enforcement practitioners from similar but out-of-state agencies that will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed for the City of Hermosa Beach.

As part of the accreditation process, the community is invited to participate in public commentary during a Public Information Session hosted by CALEA on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the Hermosa Beach Community Center, 2nd Floor Theatre, located at 710 Pier Ave., Hermosa Beach.

Those who are unable to attend the session are encouraged to call in on Tuesday, Nov. 8th between the hours of 2-4 p.m. at (310) 318-0342 to provide their commentary.

Both telephone comments and public participation at the Public Information Session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the CALEA Standards Manual is available at the Hermosa Beach Police Department.

Please contact HBPD Accreditation Manager Xochitl Escutia at 310-318-0331 with questions or for additional information. The City's reaccreditation status will be updated following CALEA's assessors' review of the agency.

For more information regarding the CALEA, or for anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Hermosa Beach Police Department's ability to comply with the Standards for Accreditation, please write the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Ste. 320, Gainesville, Va. 20155 or call (800) 368-3757 or (703) 352-4225.

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About Hermosa Beach

Founded in 1907, Hermosa Beach is known as “The Best Little Beach City.” Named “Southern California’s Greenest City” for its work to protect the environment, it is a thriving community of some 20,000 residents located on the southern end of Santa Monica Bay in Los Angeles County, and its beaches have been ranked among the best in the world. To learn more, please visit www.hermosabch.org.

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