



VILLAGE OF PINECREST  
Press Release

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*Pinecrest Police recognized as a gold standard agency*

**Pinecrest, Fla.** – The Police Department was awarded Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation utilizing the gold standard assessment for public agencies by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) on July 31, 2016.

CALEA accreditation represents a commitment to professional excellence on an international platform. It is indicative of sound leadership, as well as practitioner support of adherence to standards. The department achieved significant results in the areas of community service, crime prevention, continuous improvement and rapid response to residents' request for service. Chief Samuel Ceballos, Jr. and his leadership team were recognized for promoting progressive methods for sharing crime information, promoting effective service, and ensuring that resources needed by the Village are accessible through the agency.

The department has also been recognized for its professional service by other prestigious organizations. It was selected by the Florida Police Chiefs Association to receive the 2015 Rocky Pomerance Award for Innovation and Excellence for developing a web-based situational awareness multi-jurisdictional resource that will enable police agencies to share crime bulletins in real-time. Chief Ceballos accepted the reaccreditation certificate on behalf of the dedicated men and women of the department who strive daily to deliver excellent service to Village residents.

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