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PINECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT SEEKS STATE ACCREDITED STATUS

Pinecrest, Florida – Chief Samuel Ceballos, Jr. announces that a team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive on November 19, 2013 to examine specific aspects of the Pinecrest Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. Since the agency is already nationally accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), it only has to comply with approximately 87 additional Florida-based standards in order to receive state accredited status. A copy of the standards is available through the Pinecrest Police Accreditation Manager at 305-234-2100.

For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the Pinecrest Police Department's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please write to CFA, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

The Accreditation Program Manager is Major Jason Cohen who indicated that the assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies. The assessors will review written materials; interview individuals; and visit offices and other places where compliance can be observed. The CFA Assessment is comprised of Team Leader Major Ron Cave, from the Fish and Wildlife Conversation Commission's Division of Law Enforcement and team members Nick Haupt from the Boca Raton Police Department and Lieutenant Doug Hardie from the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report to the full Commission, who decides if the Pinecrest Police Department becomes reaccredited. The accreditation is for 3 years. Verification by the team that Pinecrest meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain or maintain accreditation – a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

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