



## VILLAGE OF PINECREST

Press Release

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Accreditation Team Invites Public Comments about Police Department

**Pinecrest, FL** - A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive November 6, 2019, to examine all aspects of the Pinecrest Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief Samuel Ceballos announced today. Pinecrest Police Department has to comply with approximately 112 standards in order to receive accredited status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health and safety issues.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency members and the public is invited to offer comments to the assessment team. A copy of the standards is available through Pinecrest Police Department Public Information Officer in Pinecrest at 305-234-2100.

For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the (*agency's*) ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please write:

CFA, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, or email to [info@flaccreditation.org](mailto:info@flaccreditation.org).

The Accreditation Program Manager for Pinecrest Police Department is Merlin Baglin. She said 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 witnessed. The CFA Assessment Team Leader is Sandra Guajardo, Manatee County Sheriff's Office. Other team members are Desiree Cicco, Clermont Police Department and Dawn English, Delray Beach Police Department.

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Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to receive accredited status. Pinecrest Police Department's accreditation is for 3 years. Verification by the team that Pinecrest Police Department 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, Chief Samuel Ceballos said.

For more information about the Police Department, please visit [www.pinecrest-fl.gov/police](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov/police).

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