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MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Subject: MIAMI POLICE RECEIVES FIFTH ACCREDITATION



The *City of Miami Police Department* has been awarded Law Enforcement Accreditation for the **fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) time** by the *Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)*. The Miami Police Department (MPD), represented by **Chief Rodolfo Llanes**, was awarded accredited status during CALEA's Conference in Reno, Nevada, on March 22, 2015. This award will remain in effect for three (3) years and the agency retains all privileges associated with this status during this period.

Serving as the "*International Gold Standard for Public Safety Agencies*," CALEA, is the leader in best practices for progressive law enforcement agencies to follow and the process is stringent. It is a rigorous assessment, a top to bottom review of policies and practices. The information is then measured against internationally accepted public safety standards. This is followed by an assessment by independent assessors with significant public safety experience. Additionally, public feedback is received to promote community trust and engagement; and, structured interviews are conducted with select agency personnel and others with knowledge of the agency's effectiveness and overall service delivery capacities. The decision to accredit is rendered by a governing body of commissioners following a public hearing and review of all reporting documentation.

This distinction symbolizes a significant professional accomplishment and it sets MPD apart as one of the top law enforcement agencies in the nation.

"CALEA congratulates the Miami Police Department for demonstrating a commitment to professional excellence through accreditation," said W. Craig Hartley, Jr., the Executive Director of CALEA, in a letter sent to Chief Llanes dated March 21, 2015.

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