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ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT THE JUPITER ISLAND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Town of Jupiter Island: A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive December 3, 2013 to examine all aspects of the Jupiter Island Public Safety Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Public Safety Director Ted Gonzales announced today. The Jupiter Island Public Safety Department has to comply with approximately 260 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 general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. A copy of the standards is available through the Jupiter Island Public Safety Department's Accreditation office at 772-545-0121.

For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the Jupiter Island Public Safety Department's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please write: CFA, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, or email to info@flaccreditation.org.

The Accreditation Program Manager for the Jupiter Island Public Safety Department is Bob Garlo. He 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 Deputy Director Scott A. Grant of the FDLE Capitol Police. Other team members are Jamie Roush of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and Commander Marc Beaulieu of the Oviedo Police Department.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to receive accredited status. Jupiter Island Public Safety Department's accreditation is for 3 years. Verification by the team that the Jupiter Island Public Safety 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, Public Safety Director Ted Gonzales said.