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Feedback Solicited On University Police Department As Part Of National Accreditation

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment April 24-27, 2010, to verify it meets professional law enforcement standards as part of a program to renew its national accreditation.

Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), this program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operation, and support services. The UNH Police Department was first granted recognition status in 2004, followed by full CALEA accreditation in 2007. In addition, the department also was given accreditation by the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) in 2008.

During this period of review, the UNH Police Department will demonstrate to the on-site assessors that the department continues to comply with the nearly 400 professional standards established by the national CALEA organization.

As part of this on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments to the assessors at a public information session Monday, April 26, 2010, at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Union Building (MUB), Theatre I, on the university campus. Additionally, telephone comments can be addressed to the assessors by calling (603) 834-0665 from 3-4 p.m. on April 26.

All comments will be limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the CALEA standards. A copy of the standards is available at the University Police Department in Janetos House on the Durham campus during regular business hours.

The University of New Hampshire, founded in 1866, is a world-class public research university with the feel of a New England liberal arts college. A land, sea, and space-grant university, UNH is the state's flagship public institution, enrolling 12,200 undergraduate and 2,200 graduate students.

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