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DURHAM, N.H. - Less than a year after the University of New Hampshire Police Department earned accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), an organization aimed at improving the delivery of public safety, it received a second recognition of accreditation from the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA).

Seven agencies previously accredited by CALEA - including the UNH Police Department -- voluntarily elected to pursue IACLEA accreditation though an accelerated process of "comparative compliance." There are only 13 university/college law enforcement agencies in the nation that have both IACLEA and CALEA accreditation certification, and just 41 that are CALEA accredited.

As the leading voice for the campus public safety community, IACLEA launched its accreditation program in 2006. The national accreditation standards, established by CALEA, provide the basis for IACLEA accreditation. IACLEA has designated more than 200 standards which are required for accreditation, as well as created a body of standards specific to the unique responsibilities of campus public safety.

The award of accreditation was presented at the recent 50th Anniversary IACLEA Annual Conference in Hartford, Connecticut. Also recognized were California State University at Northridge Police Department, Wake Forest University Police Department, California State University at Fullerton Police Department, the California State University at Los Angeles Police Department, the University of Connecticut Police Department, the University of Florida Police Department, the North Carolina State University Police Department, and the University of Texas at Austin Police Department.

The accredited agencies voluntarily elected to implement policies and procedures to comply with the applicable standards, compiled documentation confirming their compliance with the standards, and underwent an evaluation by a team of independent assessors, who verified their compliance.

IACLEA is an association that advances campus public safety for its more than 1,200 educational institution members and 2,000 individual members by providing educational resources, advocacy, and professional development services.

"This second recognition of accreditation specific to the unique responsibilities that come with public safety on a college campus is a great honor and will continue to advance the University Police Department in its pursuit of excellence," said UNH Police Chief Nicholas J. Halias.

The UNH department has 19 full-time officers and 10 part-time.
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Deputy Chief Paul Dean, Chief Nicholas Halias and Deputy Chief Paul Kopreski accept a certificate of accreditation on behalf of the University of New Hampshire Police Department from the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators. (Courtesy photo)