

## **Lincoln Emergency Communications Center Accreditation Public Notice**

### **Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment**

The Lincoln Emergency Communications Center is scheduled for an on-site assessment to verify that they have continued to meet professional standard required by Public Safety Communications Accreditation. The Accreditation program is administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), and requires agencies to comply with up to 218 state-of-the-art standards in seven basic areas: organization, direction and authority, human resources, recruitment and selection, training, operations, and critical incidents, special operations and homeland security. Lincoln is one of the few cities in the United States that Police, Fire and Communications have received national accreditation. Lincoln Emergency Communications Center was the 13<sup>th</sup> Public Safety Answering Point to receive national Accreditation.

The assessors are Team Leader Assistant Chief Brett West of the Gwinnett County Police Department in Lawrenceville, GA, and Public Safety Communications Administrative Manager Mark Theurer of Plano Public Safety Communications, Plano, Texas. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices, tower sites, and other locations where compliance can be witnessed. Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the Communications Center they report back to the full Commission, who will decide if the agency is to be granted reaccreditation status. Accreditation is awarded for three years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with the standards under which they were initially accredited.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments to the assessment team by calling (402) 441-1551 on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Telephone comments are limited to ten (10) minutes, and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Lincoln Emergency Communications Center, 575 South 10. Local contact is Lindsay Scheer, Accreditation Manager, 402-441-6000.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Lincoln Emergency Communications Center's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send comments to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155.