

**ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT
THE NEW SMYRNA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
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A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive December 12, 2017 to examine all aspects of the New Smyrna Beach Police Department policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief Mike Coffin announced today. The New Smyrna Beach Police 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.

Department Policies are available for review online at <http://www.cityofnsb.com/82/Police-Department>.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. The Team may be reached at (386) 424-8204 on December 12, 13, and 14, 2017. A copy of the standards is available for review on the Commission's website <http://www.flaccreditation.org/>.

For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the New Smyrna Beach Police 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 Manager for the New Smyrna Beach Police Department is David Burns. 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 Gloria Sepanik, of the Punta Gorda Police Department. Other team members are Captain Matt Newcomb of the Palatka Police Department and Lieutenant Thomas Raulen of the Indian River Sheriff's 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. New Smyrna Beach's accreditation is for 3 years. Verification by the team that the New Smyrna Beach Police 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, Chief Mike Coffin said.