

Accreditation Team Invites Public Comments about the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, Bureau of Law Enforcement

Tallahassee: A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive August 24, 2021 to examine all aspects of the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, Bureau of Law Enforcements policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief Tully Sparkman announced today. The Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, Bureau of Law Enforcement has to comply with approximately 240 standards in order to maintain accredited status. Many of the standards are critical to ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of Division officers and the citizens of Florida. Verification that the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, Bureau of Law Enforcement meets the CFA's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain or maintain accreditation

The Accreditation Manager for the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, Bureau of Law Enforcement is Captain Edward Rawls. The CFA Assessment Team Leader is Lieutenant Gary Barrett of the Leesburg Police Department. Other team members are Officer Nicole Abreu of the West Palm Beach Police Department, Bureau Chief Darrell Wilson of the Florida Department of Financial Services - Division of Insurance Fraud, Lieutenant Carol McMaster with the Apopka PD, Inspector Amanda Rubel with the Bay County Sheriff's Office, Accreditation Manager Kaylee Licata with the Punta Gorda PD, and Admin Program Coordinator Dawn English with the Delray Beach PD. The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from other outside accredited agencies. The assessors will review written materials; interview individuals; and visit offices and other locations to determine compliance with the CFA standards.

Once the CFA's assessors complete their review of the bureau, they will report back to the full Commission to determine if the agency will maintain accredited status for an additional for 3 year period. Chief Sparkman recognizes the importance of accredited status, recognizing that "earning accreditation demonstrates our commitment to professionalism and excellence as we work to maintain the trust of those we regulate."

As part of the on-site assessment, agency members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, Bureau of Law Enforcement's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please write: CFA, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, or email to info@flaccreditation.org.