

Orange County Sheriff's Office Accreditation Awards

CALEA

November 18, 1995
November 18, 1998
November 18, 2001
November 18, 2004
November 18, 2007
November 18, 2010 - Flagship Award
Recognized as a Meritorious Agency
November 16, 2013 - With Excellence Recognized
as a Meritorious Agency for the second time



CFA

October 17, 1996
October 27, 1999
February 6, 2002
October 6, 2004
October 31, 2007
October 14, 2010 - Excelsior Agency
September 25, 2013 - Excelsior Agency (2nd Time)



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SHERIFF**
Sheriff Jerry L. Demings

Accreditation



*Accreditation facilitates
an agency's pursuit of
professional excellence
and is used as a tool for
continuous organizational
improvement.*

VISION



Sheriff Jerry L. Demings

The Orange County Sheriff's Office was awarded its initial national accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in November of 1995.

In 1996, when the Orange County Sheriff's Office was awarded Accreditation by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA), it became the first Sheriff's Office in the State of Florida to earn both national and state accreditation.

To confirm that professional standards are met and maintained, the Orange County Sheriff's Office continues to move forward, with approximately 1,084 other law enforcement agencies by participating in the CALEA and CFA processes.

CALEA was first developed through the combined efforts of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Officers, National Sheriff Association, and the Police Executive Research Forum.

Through a joint effort of the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida Police Chiefs Association the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation was created in 1994.

The accreditation process is an intensive effort involving the entire agency.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Accreditation is a method to confirm that the organization is in compliance with state and national standards covering all aspects of law enforcement policies, procedures, practices, and operations. Accreditation makes a statement to other law enforcement agencies, professions, and the community: The Orange County Sheriff's Office meets the highest standards of professionalism.

The standards for accreditation were designed to:

- Increase law enforcement capabilities to prevent and control crime.
- Increase agency effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of law enforcement services.
- Increase cooperation and coordination with other law enforcement agencies and the criminal justice system.
- Increase citizen and employee confidence in the goals, objectives, policies, and practices of the agency.

The standards encompass:

- Role, responsibilities, and relationships with other agencies.
- Organization, management, and administration.
- Personnel administration.
- Law enforcement operations, operational support, and traffic law enforcement.
- Prisoner and court related services.
- Auxiliary and technical services.

PROFESSIONALISM

Benefits of accreditation include:

- Nationwide recognition of professional excellence.
- Community understanding and support.
- Access to the latest law enforcement practices.
- Assures that agency policies are documented and available to all agency personnel.
- Assures agency personnel that every aspect of its personnel system is in accordance with nationwide standards and that it is both fair and equitable.
- Promotes relationships with other law enforcement agencies as well as courts, prosecutors, correctional agencies, and state and local governmental officials.
- Enhances morale and builds confidence in the effectiveness and efficiency of the agency.
- Provides objective measures in justifying decisions relative to budget requests and personnel policies.
- Commits the agency to a broad range of services of the highest quality and confirms that its policies and procedures are effective and responsive, yet fair and equitable.

Accreditation is a voluntary process whereby a law enforcement agency is given approval by an official review board, after the agency has met specific standards. The agency must demonstrate continuous compliance throughout the entire three year accreditation cycle.

EXCELLENCE

COMMITMENT

INTEGRITY