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HANOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT EARNS CALEA ACCREDITATION

Chief Charlie Dennis announced today “It gives me immense pleasure to announce the award of the prestigious *Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies* (CALEA®) Law Enforcement Initial Accreditation effective November 11, 2023. This accreditation is not just a certificate to hang on the wall; it is a symbol of our dedication to excellence in law enforcement and represents the countless hours of hard work, determination, and collaboration that have brought us to this moment. I want to express my deepest gratitude to the men and women of this department who have shown unwavering dedication to the accreditation process.” The department was awarded its initial accreditation status after a formal hearing on November 10th in Bellevue, Washington.

The CALEA® Accreditation, recognized as the International Gold Standard for Public Safety Agencies, is a mark of our accomplishments over years of hard work, dedication, and professionalism. This process began with a thorough self-assessment of our policies, practices, and processes against 162 internationally acclaimed public safety standards, followed by an external onsite assessment by independent assessors, confirming our commitment to the highest level of performance.

The process included invaluable feedback we received from the public we serve that facilitated community trust and engagement. Structured interviews with several agency personnel and other knowledgeable individuals assisted our evaluators in gaining full-scale insight into the effectiveness and overall service delivery capacities of Hanover Police Department.

It should be noted, this award is not the end of our journey but a significant milestone in a continuous process of self-improvement. Our dedication to maintaining a transparent, well-managed, community-focused public safety police department will remain unwavering. Regular compliance with CALEA standards and routine evaluations for the same will help us sustain this mark of excellence.

There are currently only twenty-two CALEA-accredited law enforcement agencies in New Hampshire. Further information on CALEA and its programs may be found at www.calea.org.

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