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## ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), will arrive June 16, 2019, to examine all aspects of the Washington County Sheriff's Office's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Sheriff Ed Graybeal announced today.

Verification by the team that the Washington County Sheriff's Office meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is a part of a voluntary process to maintain accreditation -- a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence, Sheriff Graybeal said.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on June 17, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. The session will be conducted at the Washington County George P. Jaynes Justice Center, located at 108 W. Jackson Blvd., Jonesborough.

If an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone. The public may call 423-753-1817 on Monday, June 17th between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to ten (10) minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Washington County Sheriff's Office's ability to meet the standards for reaccreditation are requested to write:

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