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## METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **Metropolitan Police Department Again Recognized as Elite Law Enforcement Agency with CALEA® Re-Accreditation**

**St. Louis, Mo.** – Police Commissioner Sam Dotson announced today that the Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis has successfully completed its re-accreditation process to maintain international recognition as an accredited law enforcement agency by CALEA®, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. The accreditation was awarded on March 25, 2017 in Mobile, AL at CALEA’s® Spring Conference. The department received its initial accreditation in 2007 and was previously re-accredited in 2010 and 2013.

CALEA®, the Gold Standard in Public Safety Accreditation, was established in 1979 by the four major law enforcement executive associations: International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP); National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE); National Sheriffs’ Association (NSA); and Police Executive Research Forum (PERF). The Commission was established in part to administer an accreditation process through which law enforcement agencies demonstrate they meet professionally recognized criteria for excellence.

“I am proud of the Metropolitan Police Department for achieving CALEA® re-accreditation, once again demonstrating our agency’s continued commitment to implement best practices,” said Commissioner Dotson. “Thanks to the hard work of Re-Accreditation Manager Aimee Hoins and everyone who was dedicated to ensuring all standards were met, the department can continue to be recognized as one of the best in the country.”

To achieve re-accreditation, the Metropolitan Police Department met 189 “best practice” standards. Accreditation is for four years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

The department’s Police Academy was accredited in 2012 and re-accredited in 2015 and its Communications Division was accredited in 2013 and re-accredited in 2016. The department received the CALEA® TRI-ARC Award in August 2013, reflecting the holding of three concurrent accreditations and is one of only sixteen agencies internationally with that distinction.

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