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## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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## **FLPD ACCREDITATION**

On March 8<sup>th</sup> 2016, a team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive in Fort Lauderdale to begin the process of examining all aspects of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. This examination will include evaluation of policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services; approximately 260 standards critical to life, health, and safety issues which must be met for FLPD to maintain our current accredited status. The assessors will review written materials, interview personnel, and physically visit offices and facilities of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department.

The CFA Assessment team leader for this reaccreditation process is Commander Shelli Walters of the Altamonte Springs Police Department. Commander Walters will be joined by team members Captain Charles Scavuzzo of the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, and Officer Jason Castillo of the Key West Police Department. The FLPD Accreditation Program Manager is Sergeant Jeffrey Newman.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation regarding our ability to comply with CFA standards. A copy of the standards is available through Public Information Officer Keven Dupree at (954) 828-5464 or <a href="Moleon Englands">KDupree@fortlauderdale.gov</a>.

For more information regarding the CFA or if you wish to offer written comments about the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's ability to meet the standards of reaccreditation, please write to: CFA, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, FL 32302; or email your comments to info@flaccreditation.org.

Upon the completion of the on-site review, the assessors will report their findings to the full Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation to determine if FLPD has met the standards and requirements for reaccredited status — valid for a period of 3 years.

This voluntary process to maintain accreditation through the verification that FLPD meets the standards of best practices set by the CFA, stands as highly prized recognition of professional law enforcement excellence. The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is proud to participate in the reaccreditation process of the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation and welcomes the assessment team to the City of Fort Lauderdale.