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North Dakota Highway Patrol

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NORTH DAKOTA HIGHWAY PATROL REACCREDITED

On August 1, 2009, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) voted unanimously to award the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) international accreditation status for another three-year period. In addition to being reaccredited, the NDHP was selected as a Flagship Agency. CALEA describes Flagship recognition as follows:

The CALEA Flagship Agency Program is designed to acknowledge accredited public safety agencies that have demonstrated success in the accreditation process. The program also serves to provide other agencies seeking accreditation with examples of “best practices” on how to address compliance, policy development, file maintenance, and other issues relating to the accreditation process.

The NDHP also received a Meritorious Award for having been accredited for over 15 continuous years. The Accreditation Manager for the NDHP is Lieutenant Brandon Solberg. Lieutenant Solberg said, “The NDHP has been accredited since 1989, and this year marks our seventh successful accreditation award.” The on-site assessment completed in May showed that the NDHP was in compliance with 345 professional standards related to law enforcement. “Accreditation is for three years, during which time our agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance in all areas in preparation for our next on-site assessment,” Lieutenant Solberg said.

Colonel James Prochniak said, “Accreditation assures the public that the North Dakota Highway Patrol is committed to its core mission – to make a difference every day by providing high quality law enforcement services to keep North Dakota safe and secure. Our employees and officers are to be commended for their commitment to maintaining professional excellence.”

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