



## Public Notice

Chief Richard J. Dugan has announced that a team of Assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) will arrive on July 16<sup>th</sup> to begin an exhaustive review of all aspects of the Barnegat Police Department's policy, procedures, management, operations, and support services.

If successful, Barnegat will remain the only CALEA accredited police department in Ocean County, and one of only eight municipal police departments in New Jersey to achieve CALEA accreditation.

Verification by the assessment team that the Barnegat Police Department meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to maintain international accreditation- a highly coveted recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session to be held on Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The session will be held in the Barnegat Municipal Courtroom located at 900 West Bay Avenue.

For any individuals who may wish to offer comment but are unable to attend the session, a telephone call-in session will be held from 3:00 PM-5:00 PM on Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup>. Interested individuals can reach the assessors at 609-618-3088.

Persons wishing to offer written comments with regards to the Barnegat Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation may write to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) 13575 Heathcote Blvd, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the accreditation standards. A copy of the standards is available upon request from the department. Interested individuals can contact the Accreditation Manager, Lieutenant Jeffrey Ryan at 609-698-5000 x220.

The Barnegat Police Department must comply with a total of 189 standards in order to achieve accreditation.

The CALEA assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar, but out of state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview employees, and visit agency assets and locations where compliance can be witnessed.

Once the assessors complete their review, they will report back to the full Commission, who will decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status.

The CALEA assessment team will be comprised of team leader Chief Sean Kelly of the Weare Police Department located in New Hampshire, and assessor Deputy Chief Robert VanNieuwenhuyze of the Smithfield Police Department located in Rhode Island.