



CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. announces that on April 2, 2016, the Dover Police Department was once again accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The award was presented to Chief Colarusso and the department's accreditation manager Sergeant Mark Collopy when they both attended the CALEA conference in St. Louis, Missouri last week.

This is the ninth time that the Dover Police Department has been accredited since the agency received its first accreditation in 1988. The Dover Police Department is the only department in New Hampshire to be accredited nine times and one of approximately 30 police agencies internationally to have done so.

Law enforcement accreditation is a voluntary process that covers all aspects of law enforcement. CALEA provides the participating agencies with standards of best practices for the management, organization, operations and support functions of law enforcement.

This reaccreditation comes after a thorough on-site examination of all areas of the police department and its operations which took place over a period of four days in December of 2015. During the on-site, the CALEA assessors inspected files and made direct observations to confirm that the police department is complying with the many standards set by CALEA. The assessors found that the Dover Police Department was in compliance with each of the 484 standards that apply.