(Pueblo, Colorado, December 1, 2020)—Chief Troy Davenport announced today that a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will be conducting a virtual assessment of the Pueblo Police Department on December 7th and December 8th, 2020. The assessment team will examine all aspects of the Pueblo Police Department’s policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

As a part of the on-site assessment, members of the public are invited to participate in a public information call-in session. The public may offer comments by calling (719) 553-2406 on Tuesday December 8th, 2020, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. Telephone comments will be limited to 5 minutes. Comments will be taken by CALEA assessors. The public information call-in session provides a venue for members of the public to interact with the assessors, ask questions about the accreditation process, or comment on the Department’s compliance with accreditation standards.

A virtual public hearing is scheduled via Zoom on Monday, December 7th, 2020, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

**How to Testify at the Virtual Public Hearing:**

To provide public testimony via oral communication or to have your comments read into the public record, please e-mail the following information to klaconte@pueblo.us no later than Friday, December 4th, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. Please note “CALEA Public Comments” in the subject line of the email.

- First and last name
- E-Mail address
- Telephone number including area code
- Street address
- How you will provide your testimony?
  - Online via Zoom
  - Read my comments into the public record.
- Topic/subject you will discuss.

In order to provide your public testimony, you must be logged into the Zoom meeting online or by telephone at the start of the meeting. Please be prepared to provide your testimony at any time during the public hearing. When it is time for you to provide public testimony, your name will be called, and your telephone/microphone will be unmuted by the facilitator. Prior to providing your
testimony, please state your name for the record. You are encouraged to speak from a prepared statement to ensure the best use of the 5-minute time limit. If a registered speaker is not available at the time they are called, the facilitator will call the next person in line.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 5 minutes and must address the agency’s ability to comply with CALEA® standards. A copy of the standards is available upon request by emailing klaconte@pueblo.us.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Pueblo Police Department’s ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA); 13575 Heathcote Boulevard; Suite 320; Gainesville, Virginia 20155, or email calea@calea.org

Accreditation is a four-year cycle, during which the agency must submit annual status reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited. The Pueblo Police Department earned its initial accreditation on March 25, 2017. The Pueblo Police Department must comply with 158 standards in order to maintain accredited status. “CALEA Accreditation requires your police department to have policies and procedures that are the most current and up to date possible. Furthermore, to be ‘accredited’ a department must have proof they follow those policies. CALEA Accreditation keeps the Pueblo Police Department on the cutting edge of modern professional policing” Chief Davenport said.

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