



# News Release

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**Subject: Mansfield Division of Police Re-accreditation Certification”**

Chief Kenneth Coontz is proud to announce that the Mansfield Division of Police has successfully achieved the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) Re-Accreditation Certification on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This is the Division’s 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive CALEA Re-accreditation award which spans the past 15 years and recognizes the Division’s commitment to prominence in policing.

A team of CALEA assessors conducted an on-site visit in April of this year to examine all aspects of the Mansfield Division of Police including policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. During the on-site, the assessors spoke to several local residents as well as community leaders throughout their visit and forwarded their on-site evaluation and findings to CALEA. The Division was subjected to two more reviews, including an official CALEA Commissioners Committee Review at the Grand Rapids conference.

Receiving CALEA Re-accreditation exhibits the Mansfield Division of Police’s commitment to meeting the highest standards of law enforcement excellence by continually demonstrating the “best practices and procedures” recognized internationally within the law enforcement profession.

The Division achieved this status by meeting the established CALEA Standards and attaining a “100% standard compliance” with “zero” non-compliance and/or “applied discretion” issues for retaining its Re-accreditation Certification. Chief Coontz acknowledged that this re-accreditation certification is only possible due to the hard work and professionalism of the Divisions sworn and non-sworn employees in following the international CALEA standards of conduct and policy while serving the citizens of Mansfield. Assistant Chief Keith Porch stated, “Mansfield continues to be a part of the elite 5% of law enforcement agencies nationwide that have successfully obtained CALEA certification.” He, also, commended the hard work and dedication of the Division’s Accreditation Manager, Captain Shari Robertson, for her role in overseeing the Divisions CALEA Accreditation process.