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Law Enforcement Bureau, Communication Center Receive CALEA Re-Accreditation

Pueblo, CO: The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Bureau and the Communication Center have proven their commitment to excellent in their respective fields as both divisions recently received advanced re-accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) at the annual spring conference in Montgomery, Alabama.

The Law Enforcement Bureau, led by Chief Mark Mears, earned its third accreditation with CALEA, which serves as the International Gold Standard for Public Safety Agencies. The bureau was initially accredited in 2016 and earned re-accreditation in 2020.

The Communication Center, under the leadership of Shawna Clementi, also received Communication Center Accreditation for the third time. The center was initially accredited in 2016 and re-accredited in 2020.

"This is an incredible honor for the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office, our law enforcement bureau and our communication center," said Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero. "Meeting the standards needed to receive re-accreditation is not an easy task and to do it for the third consecutive time truly demonstrates the strong work ethic and professionalism our employees have in performing at a high level."

To receive advanced CALEA accreditation in law enforcement, agencies are required to meet 344 standards and at least 80% of the 77 other-than-mandatory standards. The process focuses on standards that provide best practices related to life, health and safety procedures in the agency.

The accreditation process for law enforcement and the communication center included a rigorous self-assessment, which required a review of policies, practices and processes to ensure they met internally accepted standards. This was followed by an assessment of the agency standards by a team of independent assessors. The public also had an opportunity to provide feedback on those respective divisions of the agency.

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