

**Lake County Sheriff's Office
Mark C. Curran Jr., Sheriff**

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Lake County Sheriff's Office Achieves CALEA Accreditation

Sheriff Mark Curran is pleased to announce the Lake County Sheriff's Office has been officially accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

Sheriff Mark Curran said, "When we initially enrolled in this process I said the Lake County Sheriff's Office will be known for our leadership, contemporary practices, and use of technology. I am very proud to say we are known for these values and so much more!"

In order to receive accreditation, the Lake County Sheriff's Office was required to meet 167 internationally accepted standards for the operation of police organizations.

In March of 2018 a team of CALEA assessors conducted an on-site assessment. The team ensured the Sheriff's Office is in compliance with CALEA practices, policies, procedures, and standards. Following their assessment, CALEA Commissioners analyzed the final assessment report and voted to grant CALEA accreditation to the Lake County Sheriff's Office. Members of the Lake County Sheriff's Office proudly accepted the accreditation at the CALEA Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on July 28th.

"CALEA is considered the 'gold standard' accreditation in public safety. CALEA is another independent, objective organization to endorse the Lake County Sheriff's Office as a premiere law enforcement agency. I've promised to 'raise the bar' at the Lake County Sheriff's Office and I'm extremely proud to say as an organization we've attained both ILEAP and CALEA accreditation. We are the first sheriff's office in the State of Illinois to achieve these dual accreditations," added Sheriff Curran.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office is part of an elite group of only **three percent** of United States sheriff's offices to achieve CALEA accreditation.

The Lake County Jail holds dual accreditations through the National Commission on Correctional Health Care and the American Correctional Association.

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