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**ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Millersville, Maryland, March 10, 2008 - A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), will arrive April 6, 2008 to examine all aspects of the Anne Arundel County Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Colonel James Teare, Sr. announced today. Verification by the team that the Anne Arundel County Police Department meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation or reaccreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence, he said.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Monday evening, April 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The session will be conducted in the Training Room of the Police Department's Animal Control facility, 411 Maxwell Frye Road, Millersville, MD 21108. If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session, but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone. The public may call (410) 222-8688 on Monday afternoon, April 7, 2008 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Telephone comments, as well as appearances at the public information session, are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Anne Arundel County Police Department - 8495 Veteran's Highway, Millersville, Maryland. Local contact is Corporal Beth Miller at 410-222-8544.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Anne Arundel County Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-2215.

"The Anne Arundel County Police Department has to comply with 401 standards in order to maintain its accredited status," Colonel Teare said. Colonel Teare also said that "accreditation is very important to the Anne Arundel County Police Department because it allows us to measure our department against a set of internationally recognized standards and assists with our endless pursuit of attaining the highest professional standards."

The Accreditation Manager for the Anne Arundel County Police Department is Corporal Beth Miller. She said the assessment team is composed of law enforcement professionals from similar but out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors are: Team Leader - Assistant Chief Dan Bruno from the Gwinnett County (GA) Police Department, Captain Louie Perea from the Arapahoe County (CO) Sheriff's Office, and Lieutenant Gregg Jones from the Lexington (KY) Division of Police. "Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of our department, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if our agency will maintain its accredited status," Corporal Miller stated.

Accreditation is for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited or reaccredited.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., please write the Commission at 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-2215; or call (800) 368-3757.

DUI Checkpoint

Colonel James Teare, Sr., Chief of the Anne Arundel County Police Department, announced today the locations of their sixty-eighth and sixty-ninth DUI Sobriety Checkpoints. The sixty-eighth will occur FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2008 between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and midnight on Northbound Ritchie Highway near Arundel Beach Road in Severna Park. The sixty-ninth will occur on SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2008 between the hours of 12:15 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. on Southbound Ritchie Highway near McKinsey Road in Severna Park and will support the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) “**Checkpoint Strike Force**” impaired driving interdiction initiative.

Historically, DUI checkpoints have been an effective strategy for removing drunk or drugged drivers from the road. Checkpoints are also an effective prevention tool by increasing the perception of risk for detection and arrest. During previous checkpoints in Anne Arundel County, **361** arrests for DUI and **103** arrests for drug offenses have been made, after making contact with the drivers of nearly **65,770 vehicles**.

Checkpoints are an element of an overall strategy of prevention, education, and enforcement that emphasize a reduction in the number of alcohol-involved crashes, along with the injuries and deaths they cause.

Animal Control

On February 29th, Animal Control Officers picked up two stray dogs at 7591 B&A Blvd. in Glen Burnie. Both dogs were brought to the Animal Control Shelter at 411 Maxwell Frye Road in Millersville and were checked into the kennel. In the morning of March 3, 2008 kennel workers discovered two newborn puppies in the kennel being nursed by their mother. The puppies were found to be healthy and doing fine.

On March 4th, 2008 Jose Pereira came into Animal Control looking for his 2 missing adult dogs. He was reunited with both of his original adult dogs and the two additional puppies. Mr. Pereira redeemed all four dogs and took them home with him.



Northern District

Robbery

Glen Burnie

Two men were walking in the area of the 200 Blk. Woodhill Dr. Glen Burnie, Md. 21060 at approximately 2332 hrs. on March 7, 2008. At this time they observed three suspects exit a white Hyundai. The suspects then approached the victims and started striking them about the upper body with their fists. The victims fell to the ground. At one point one victim was kicked, causing a laceration to his forehead. As the suspect(s) were assaulting the victims they removed an undetermined amount of U. S. Currency from the victims and one cell phone. The suspects then fled the area.

Suspects: Three black males, in their late teens to early twenties

Stabbing

Glen Burnie

On March 8, 2008 at 2317 hours, officers from Anne Arundel County Northern District responded to 898 Airport Park Rd, Glen Burnie for a reported stabbing. Witnesses stated that a suspect stabbed another patron as a result of a disagreement over money. Numerous eyewitnesses observed the assault and the suspect was arrested at the scene. The victim was taken by Anne Arundel County Fire Department to Shock Trauma for medical treatment and he was listed in stable condition.

Suspect:

Gary Mathews (48 years old)
5519 Glen Arm Road
Glen Arm, Maryland

Mr. Gary Mathews was charged with the following crimes:

- 1st Degree Assault
- 2nd Degree Assault
- False Statement to Peace Officer
- Reckless Endangerment
- Possession of a Concealed Deadly Weapon
- Possession of a Dangerous Weapon with Intent to Injure
- Disorderly Conduct

Western District

Robbery

Laurel

On Saturday, March 8, 2008 at about 1808 hours, officers responded to 3472 Rt. 198, Laurel, Maryland for a robbery that had occurred earlier. The victim stated that he was entering the Starting Gate Bar and was approached by suspect #1. Suspect 1 asked the victim for some change and when the victim declined, suspect 1 struck him with a closed fist. Suspect 2 and Suspect 3 joined in the assault by kicking the victim. The victim's cell phone fell from his jacket during the assault at which time suspect 1 took the phone. All three suspects then fled on foot toward the rear of the business.

Suspects: three black males

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