



## Sebastian Police Department

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### **ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT SEBASTIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

*Sebastian:* A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive August 1st, 2017 to examine all aspects of the Sebastian Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief Michelle Morris announced today. Sebastian Police Department has to comply with approximately 263 standards in order to receive accredited status. Many of the 263 standards are critical to life, health and safety issues.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the Sebastian Police Department's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please write:

CFA, PO BOX 1489, Tallahassee, FL, 32308.

The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies. The assessors will review written materials; interview individuals; and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The CFA Assessment Team Leader is Ms. Marie Reese of the Naples Police Department. Other team members are Sergeant Mohamed Sidki of the Doral Police Department and Lieutenant Carin Ketcham of the Auburndale Police Department.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to receive accredited status. Sebastian Police Department's accreditation is for 3 years. Verification by the team that the Sebastian Police Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain or maintain accreditation--a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence, Chief Michelle Morris said.