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**ST. CHARLES COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES CALEA® RE-ACCREDITATION**

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** -- The St. Charles County Police Department has successfully completed the re-accreditation process designed to maintain international recognition for advanced law enforcement accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®). Accreditation is for a four-year period; the department initially was accredited in 2018.

“We are pleased to let the community know that we are accredited for another four years,” says St. Charles County Police Chief Kurt Frisz. “CALEA® is considered the gold standard in public safety because of its strict standards, and our officers are proud of our accreditation and re-accreditation. This is an incredible honor and reflects the dedication of the entire department.”

To be accredited, agencies must go through a rigorous review and evaluation of their organization and then implement necessary policy and procedure changes. By voluntarily choosing to seek CALEA® accreditation, the agency commits to an ongoing annual review of adherence to CALEA®’s standards.

According to CALEA®, the accreditation process is not to be viewed as an event that occurs once every review cycle; rather, as an on-going, quality performance review

of the agency. A successful reaccreditation is contingent upon the agency's ability to demonstrate continued compliance with applicable standards during the period being reviewed. To achieve re-accreditation, the St. Charles County Police Department met 459 applicable “best practice” standards covering a broad range of areas.



*St. Charles County Police Chief Kurt Frisz, center, receives recognition for CALEA® re-accreditation at the organization’s national conference. Also pictured, from left, are W. Craig Hartley, Jr., CALEA® Executive Director; Tom Percich, St. Charles County Police Department Accreditation Manager; Capt. Chris Hunt, Division Director of St. Charles County Regional Emergency Management; and Marcus Brown, CALEA® Executive Board President and Director of Homeland Security for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

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“Our police department continues to serve our citizens well,” says County Executive Steve Ehlmann, “and this recognition is further proof. This strenuous, comprehensive evaluation process ensures that we continue to be the best we can be. My thanks to all the men and women in the St. Charles County Police Department for their tireless efforts to keep us all safe.”

CALEA®, the Gold Standard in Public Safety Accreditation, was established in 1979 by the four major law enforcement executive associations: International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP); National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE); National Sheriffs’ Association (NSA); and Police Executive Research Forum (PERF). The Commission was established in part to administer an accreditation process through which law enforcement agencies demonstrate they meet professionally recognized criteria for excellence.

To find out more about CALEA®, go to [calea.org](http://calea.org).

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*St. Charles County, Missouri, founded in 1812, is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri. With a population of 405,262, is it the state’s third largest county. It is home to 21 scenic county parks of which four are in reserve, encompassing 4,151 acres.*

*With one of the largest economies in the state, St. Charles County is home to multinational companies including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.*

*St. Charles County Government has more than 1,170 employees in more than 30 departments and offices who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit [sccmo.org](http://sccmo.org).*