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Joplin Police Department Receives Advanced Accreditation

The Joplin Police Department is pleased to announce that it has received the Advanced Accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. In April 2014 a team of CALEA assessors came to the Joplin Police Department to conduct an on-site assessment of the police department. The assessors spent three days at the police department looking over policies as well as spending time riding and interacting with officers. The assessors also spoke with members of the public about the police department.

The lead assessor during this on-site was Chief Bruce Robertson from the Centerville, OH Police Department. In the final report that was prepared by Chief Robertson, he stated, "Under the leadership of Chief Jason Burns and plans and programs that he has developed and nurtured, along with the help and support of his staff and all employees, the Joplin Police Department is on a solid footing. The employees of the agency are reflective of a professional attitude and a high sense of service to the community."

On July 26, 2014 Chief Jason Burns and Lt. Matt Stewart traveled to Schaumburg, IL to go before the commissioners of CALEA and the Joplin Police Department was awarded Advanced Accreditation. This is the third time that the Joplin Police Department has been accredited through CALEA.

Chief Jason Burns states, "This award is a direct reflection of the hard work, dedication, and professionalism of the police officers and employees that work for our agency."

Becoming accredited through CALEA is a voluntary process that requires agencies to meet a total of 482 standards. The Joplin Police Department first became accredited in 2008.

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