



Media Release



Chief Brad L. Nelson, Captain Paul Forrester, and Administrative Assistant Marvina Havighorst, of the Salina Police Department, recently attended the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) hearings and awards ceremony in Baltimore, Maryland.

CALEA standards for Law Enforcement Agencies and its Accreditation Programs are recognized as benchmarks for professional law enforcement agencies throughout the world. The Salina Police Department underwent an on-site assessment in March of 2016 wherein an assessment team from CALEA visited our agency and examined all aspects of the Salina Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

On July 30, 2016, the Salina Police Department received its seventh Accreditation award and sixth re-Accreditation award since initially being accredited in 1996. The department is one of only eight agencies in the state of Kansas to be accredited. Chief Brad L. Nelson said, "With today's negative perception of Law Enforcement and National unrest, it is imperative that a department be professional in all aspects of its day to day operations. By being a nationally-accredited agency, the Salina Police Department shows the citizens of Salina its commitment to being a professional organization and one the community can be proud of."