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Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) to Honor the Colonial Heights Sheriff's Office for Achieving Accredited Agency Status

As of October 24, 2017, the City of Colonial Heights Sheriff's Office achieved full accreditation status through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) for its commitment to excellence in the Law Enforcement Community and successful completion of the certification process via the Virginia Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

As part of the December 12, 2017 meeting of the Colonial Heights City Council, Mr. Derrick Mays, VLEPSC Program Manager for the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, will formally present the Certificate of Accreditation to Sheriff Todd B. Wilson, and the City of Colonial Heights Sheriff's Office Staff. The following VLEPSC Board Members will also be in attendance at this presentation: Sheriff Joe McGlaughlin, of New Kent County, and Virginia Capital Police Chief, Colonel Anthony S. Pike.

"This is a wonderful achievement for our office. Becoming an Accredited Agency provides measurable confirmation to our staff, our peers and most importantly to our citizens that 'their' Colonial Heights Sheriff's Office is functioning at the highest professional levels", said Sheriff Todd B. Wilson. "I could not be more proud of the dedication displayed by our staff during this assessment process...a job well done".

The Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) was established in the early 1990's to provide law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth of Virginia an avenue for demonstrating that they meet commonly accepted standards for efficient and effective agency operation. Accreditation standards address key areas such as: organization management and administration, personnel administration, law enforcement operations, training, and inmate / court-related services.

To obtain Accreditation, an agency must meet all applicable program standards and maintain specific accreditation files on an ongoing basis. The agency also undergoes an extensive on-site review of all agency accreditation files, policies, procedures and protocols as well as an on-site review of a static display which includes interviews with key personnel. Accreditation enhances the communities understanding of the law enforcement agency and its role in the community as well as its goals and objectives. As a result of this process, citizen confidence in the policies and practices of the agency are increased.