



## Legislation Text

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**Item:**

**Durham County Sheriff's Office Receives A Full Accreditation From The Council On Accreditation Of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) (10min)**

**Date of BOCC Meeting:** October 26, 2020

**Request for Board Action:**

The Board is requested to recognize this award presented to Sheriff Birkhead by the Council on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

CALEA Accreditation serves as the International Gold Standard for Public Safety Agencies. This accreditation is a continuous process and serves as the foundation for a successful, well managed, transparent, community-focused public safety agency. The Durham County Sheriff's Office has been accredited through CALEA since 1998. The process of CALEA Accreditation begins with a rigorous self-assessment, requiring a review of policies, practices and processes against internationally accepted public safety standards. This is followed with an assessment by independent assessors with significant public safety experience. Additionally, public feedback is received to promote community trust and engagement, and structured interviews are conducted with select agency personnel and others with knowledge to assess the agency's effectiveness and overall service delivery capacities. The decision to accredit is rendered by a governing body of twenty-one Commissioners following a public hearing and review of all reporting documentation.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This item aligns with Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government.

**Resource Persons:** Clarence Birkhead, Sheriff of Durham County; Robert Whitted, Chief Deputy, Durham County Sheriff's Office; Brendan Hartigan, Lieutenant of Professional Standards, Durham County Sheriff's Office.

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board recognize this award presented to Sheriff Birkhead by the Council on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_