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#### **ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT NORTHMIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**North Miami, FL March 7, 2016-** A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive April 19, 2016 and remain for three days, to examine all aspects of the North Miami Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. The North Miami Police Department (NMPD) has to comply with approximately 260 standards in order to receive accredited status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health and safety issues.

Ms. Dale Briganti the Accreditation Program Manager for NMPD said the assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies. The assessors will review written materials; interview individuals; and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The CFA Assessment Team Leader is Ms. Gloria Sepanik of the Punta Gorda Police Department. Other team members are Sergeant Aaron Grassi of the Clermont Police Department and Sergeant Brandon Kutner of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to receive accredited status. This accreditation is for three years. Verification by the team that NMPD meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain or maintain accreditation. This is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. A copy of the standards is available through NMPD's Public Information Officer.

For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the NMPD's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please write:  
CFA, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, or email to [info@flaccreditation.org](mailto:info@flaccreditation.org).

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