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DATE: May 28, 2001
SUBJECT: On-site Assessment Report for the Tampa Police Department, Tampa, FL

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A. Dates of the On-Site Assessment:

May 5-10, 2001

B. Assessment Team:

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C. CALEA Program Manager and Type of On-site:

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Fourth reaccreditation, D size (1,273 personnel), 4th edition standards

b. Telephone Contacts

The open telephone lines were monitored from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2001. Three calls were received; two were positive, one expressed concern about the handling of a previous case. No significant issues related to accreditation were received.

c. Correspondence

One letter was received regarding the agency. It contained a negative opinion regarding a complaint that had previously been made. However, documentation from the agency showed that the complaint had been handled according to appropriate guidelines, that in fact discipline had occurred, and a response had been provided to the complainant. No significant accreditation issues were indicated.

d. Media Interest

The team did not meet with the media during the on-site. Notices were sent to all available media outlets; as this was the agency's fourth re-accreditation, the media is aware of the agency's efforts.

Area newspapers published two articles prior to the public hearing. On Friday, May 4, 2001 the Tampa Tribune published an article entitled "Police Assessors Welcome Comments". The Tampa Times printed an additional article "Speak Out on the Police Department" on Saturday, May 5, 2001.

e. Public Information Material

The public notice was distributed by Public Information Officer Katie Hughes. Copies were available in the lobby of police headquarters and distributed to cable information network. An extensive list of government offices, businesses and schools was used to distribute the public notice to more people.

The public notice was also distributed through the firehouse community oriented policing officers. Patrol officers were issued copies of the public notice, which were printed in both English and Spanish to expand the potential audience.

Press releases were sent on April 23, 2001 to eight newspapers, seven television stations, and nine major radio broadcast stations that serve the Tampa Bay area.