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# Winnebago County Sheriff's Department



## News Release

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### Law Enforcement Accreditation Assessment

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., will be conducting a virtual assessment to examine all aspects of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office's policies and procedures, management, operations and support services.

Verification by the team that the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to retain accreditation--international recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and the public are invited to offer comments by dialing **(312) 626-6799** and entering meeting ID **993 8444 3872** (press # when prompted for a Participant ID) on Monday, December 14, 2020, between the hours of 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Comments will be taken by the Assessment Team. Agency employees and members of the community are also invited to offer comments at a public information session on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 2:30 PM. The session will be conducted in the training room, which is located in the lower level of the Winnebago County Justice Center, 650 West State Street Rockford, Illinois.

Comments are limited to five minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. For any questions, individuals may contact Accreditation Manager Deputy Chief Tammie Stanley at (815) 319-6478.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office's ability to meet standards for accreditation can write to: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155.

The accreditation process has provided the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office with the standards that reflect the best professional requirements and practices for a law enforcement agency. The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar, out-of-state, agencies. 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 be granted accredited status.

Accreditation is for four (4) years, during which time the agency must submit annual reviews attesting continued compliance with those standards under which they were initially accredited. For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., please visit the CALEA website at [www.CALEA.org](http://www.CALEA.org) or by telephone call (703) 352-4225.

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