



# Gulfport Police Department News Release



Subject: 2018 Accreditation for the Gulfport

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## **Accreditation Team Invites Public Comments About The Gulfport Police Department**

Gulfport, FL - Police Chief Robert Vincent announced today that assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive on Tuesday, April 24th to assess the Gulfport Police Department's compliance with peer reviewed standards. The department received initial accreditation from CFA in February of 2000 and has maintained an accredited status since. Assessors will examine all aspects of policies, procedures, management, operations and support services. The department has to comply with approximately 260 standards in order to maintain its accredited status.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. Comments must be in writing and must address the agency's ability to comply with CFA standards. A copy of the standards are available through the police department's Professional Standards Section at 727-893-1111.

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

The Accreditation Manager for the Gulfport Police Department is Commander Joshua Stone. The assessment team is comprised of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies: Team Leader, Lieutenant Mark Buffington from the Indian River County Sheriff's Office, Sergeant Keith Quick from the Venice Police Department, and Ms. Meghan Warman from the Palatka Police Department. The assessors will review written materials; interview individuals; and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. 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 re-accredited status. The Gulfport Police Department's accreditation is for 3 years. The agency's initial Accreditation was in 2000 and they have successfully earned re-accreditation every three years since then.

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