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## **LaGrange Police Department Receives CALEA Accreditation for Eighth Time**

**LaGrange, Ga. October 5, 2021** - The LaGrange Police Department received its 8<sup>th</sup> CALEA Accreditation award. This year they also received the Meritorious Advanced Accreditation award for receiving accreditation for fifteen or more consecutive years. LPD was recognized for this honor the LaGrange City Council meeting Tuesday night (9/28).



CALEA recognition at City Council meeting

CALEA Chairperson/President Anthony Purcell presented the award to LaGrange Police Chief Lou Dekmar, LPD Accreditation Manager Lt.

Karen Sanders, the LaGrange Police Department and the City of LaGrange.

To receive the CALEA Accreditation, the agency must demonstrate a commitment to professional excellence in policy and practice. The accreditation is accomplished through a highly regarded and broadly recognized body of professional standards. The agency is required to maintain continuous compliance during the four year assessment cycle.

Chief Louis Dekmar is proud of this continued achievement. “There are 18,000 law enforcement agencies across the country and less than 1,000 receive accreditation.”

The LaGrange Police Department first received accreditation in July 1999. The accreditation process takes place every few years. LPD received its accreditation in 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017 and now in 2021.

For more information on CALEA and the process to become accredited, go to [www.calea.org](http://www.calea.org).

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