



Coral Gables Police: Delivering Gold Standards of Public Safety Services

EVERY THREE YEARS, THE CORAL GABLES POLICE Department goes through a rigorous process of analyzing every aspect of its administration and operations. This is a voluntary process of self-assessment, along with community input, in order for the Coral Gables Police to receive accreditation and ratification that it continues maintaining high professional standards in the delivery of public safety services. The process of accreditation is not a simple one: only one percent of all law enforcement agencies in North America achieve accreditation.

I am very proud to inform you that the City of Coral Gables Police Department has earned reaccreditation by the prestigious Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), the international gold standard in public safety. The department was awarded its seventh reaccreditation after a formal hearing held at the CALEA Conference on November 22, 2014, in Albuquerque, N.M. The award was presented to our department last month at a City Commission meeting in the presence of city leaders and members of our devoted police force.

In order to receive accreditation status, the Coral Gables Police Department needed to comply with 483 standards regarding policies and procedures, management, operations and support services that are deemed essential. One criteria for earning accreditation with excellence requires that agencies be in compliance with a minimum of 90 percent of all applicable standards. The Coral Gables Police Department earned an impressive 97.4 percent standard compliance.

This is truly amazing and the most recent from a series of great accomplishments by the Coral Gables Police Department. Receiving this Gold Standard Accreditation with



Coral Gables Interim Police Chief Ed Hudak

Excellence signifies that our agency goes above and beyond the highest professional standards of law enforcement, for which I am honored and very proud to lead at this time.

Why should this be of any significance to you, as a citizen living or passing through Coral Gables? Having a reaccredited police force means that when you come in contact with a member of the Coral Gables Police, through a traffic stop or any other police action, that you are being serviced by one of the best law enforcement agencies in the nation. All the men and women of our police force -- at all levels and in all positions whether they are sworn, administrative, or support -- they are all here to deliver excellence service every day to our community and nearby surroundings.

Community feedback is very important to us in this ongoing process of self-evaluation. There is always room for improvement and we don't want to rest on our laurels thinking that we are doing everything right. I encourage you to visit our police homepage at www.coralgables.com and learn about recent news, crime prevention tips, resident resources and other ways to service you better. Getting to know your local police department is the first step in improving our force, because it all starts with servicing the community and identifying your needs.

We always welcome your input. Thank you for being a part of the continued success of the Coral Gables Police Department.

CGPD is also asking drivers to remove items from the center consoles and glove compartments of their vehicles that may contain personal information such as address, vehicle insurance or vehicle registration. This is the first place thieves look not only for valuables, but to access residences and steal personal identity. In case of any suspicious activity anywhere, any time, the Coral Gables Police Department wants to know: call 305-442-1600. Help us fight crime and make Coral Gables a safer city.

