The UMBC Police Department is participating in an On-site Assessment as part of a voluntary program to achieve Accreditation by verifying that the Police Department meets professional standards. Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), the program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations and support services.

An Assessment Team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar, but out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials; interview individuals; and visit functions and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors for this review are:

- **Team Leader:** Chief (retired) Paul Verrecchia, College of Charleston, SC
- **Team Member:** Chief Tim Potts, University of Mississippi (Ole’ Miss)

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 years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting to continued compliance with those standards under which they were initially accredited.

**Phone comments:** Agency employees and the public are also invited to offer comments by calling **(410) 455-1683** on **Monday February 8th, 2016 between the hours of 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm.** Comments will be taken by the assessment Team.

**eMail comments:** calea@umbc.edu

**Public Hearing:** As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on **Tuesday February 9th, 2016 at 2:00pm.** The session will be conducted in Room 328 in The Commons.

The Accreditation Manager for the UMBC PD is Robert Jagoe at 410-455-3673. The Public Information Coordinator is Major Paul Dillon, at 410-707-6012.

**Written comments:** Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the UMBC Police Department’s ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to:

Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA),
13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320
Gainesville, Virginia 20155.