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Emergency Communications Center Receives National Re-Accreditation Award

On Saturday, November 22, 2014 the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Communications Center (HRECC) was awarded National Re-Accreditation for Communications Centers from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA).

In August 2014, the HRECC underwent an accreditation on-site review by a team of certified CALEA assessors. As a result of this extensive review, the HRECC was recommended for re-accreditation and appeared before the CALEA Commission on November 22nd in Albuquerque, NM for a final examination of its operation and was awarded re-accreditation status.

“CALEA is the largest internationally recognized accreditation body for law enforcement and communications centers” said Jim Junkins, Director of the HRECC. “This award is a highly prized recognition and the HRECC is one of only eight CALEA accredited emergency communications centers in Virginia and one of only 82 in the United States.”

Accreditation is for three years, during which an agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with standards under which it was initially accredited. The HRECC first gained accreditation status in 2011.

Dee Dee Sencindiver, HRECC Accreditation Program Manager and Operations Manager stated, “Accreditation makes us a more professional agency and challenges us to excel in our core values of integrity, innovation, stewardship and learning. It provides additional credibility to an excellent emergency communication system and measures our work against the best of the best.”

*Who will notify you if an emergency-related event is happening in Harrisonburg or Rockingham County? Sign up to receive free alerts through the **Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Emergency Alert System** by visiting www.HREmergencyAlert.com.*

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