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Henrico Police Earns Distinguished TRI-ARC Reccreditation

Henrico County, VA – The Henrico County Police Division was awarded TRI-ARC reccreditation by the [Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies](#) (CALEA). To date, the Division is one of only 24 agencies worldwide to receive TRI-ARC reccreditation.

CALEA was founded in 1979 through a collaborative partnership between the **International Associations of Chiefs of Police**, the **National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives**, the **National Sheriff's Association**, and the **Police Executive Research Forum**. Its **TRI-ARC Award** was created to recognize agencies concurrently holding all three CALEA Accreditation Awards: Law Enforcement, Public Safety Communications, and Public Safety Training Academy.

In 2015, having been accredited in Law Enforcement by CALEA since 1987, Henrico Police set out to expand its accreditation. On March 25, 2017, after completing an eighteen-month self-assessment, on-site CALEA assessments, and appearing before the CALEA Board of Commissioners, the Division's Law Enforcement, Basic Training Academy and Emergency Communications Center were each accredited and Henrico Police was awarded TRI-ARC accreditation. At the time, the Division was only the 17th law enforcement agency world-wide to attain this distinction and just the 16th in the United States.

As part of a four-year reccreditation cycle, the Division's TRI-ARC reccreditation assessment, which was conducted virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions, began in October 2020. Assessors performed file reviews, evaluated the Division's compliance with CALEA standards, conducted staff interviews and facilitated public-comment sessions. On March 26, 2021, following a virtual hearing before the CALEA Board of Commissioners, the Division's Law Enforcement, Training Academy and Emergency Communications Center were each awarded reccreditation, earning Henrico Police the prestigious TRI-ARC Award once again – one of only 24 agencies worldwide to achieve this status to date.

"Maintaining TRI-ARC accreditation reflects the Division's unwavering commitment to professionalism and accountability," said Henrico Chief of Police, Eric English. "This achievement is a testament to the 800+ men and women of the Division who carry out these standards every day in service to our community."

The Division will be assessed for reccreditation in 2025, at which time it must demonstrate continuous adherence to the standards set forth by CALEA to maintain TRI-ARC accreditation.

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