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After 15 years of successful accreditation, the Plano Police Department has received the prestigious Meritorious Service and Flagship status from CALEA (Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies). For the fifth time since our initial award in 1992, our agency was reaccredited during the CALEA awards ceremony in Salt Lake City, UT on November 21, 2009. Representatives from the police department and the city attended the awards ceremony to accept this prominent award.

Meritorious Service is awarded when an agency completes 15 continuous years as an accredited agency. These agencies receive an enhanced Certificate of Meritorious Accreditation displaying the blue "meritorious" ribbon and denoting their years of accredited status. Each recognized agency is commended for this achievement and its long-term commitment to professional excellence.

Flagship status is awarded to agencies to acknowledge the achievement and expertise of some of the most successful CALEA Accredited Agencies, and also to assist others by providing 'flagship examples.' Flagship status is decided by reviewing the agency's past awards, current assessment, and overall professional standing in the public safety community. Receiving Flagship status is considered a high honor and something every agency employee should be proud to receive.

In June 2009, a team of assessors from CALEA examined all aspects of the Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services to verify the agency met CALEA's state-of-the-art standards.

With this accreditation, the Plano Police Department is now among only 38 agencies in the State of Texas to be an accredited law enforcement agency and the only agency to receive the 2009 Flagship status in Texas. The Plano Police Department strives for excellence and this award is just another example of the accomplishments of our Department.

"The accreditation process is a valuable tool and is important to the Plano Police Department as it measures our professionalism and our commitment to excellence," states Chief Gregory W. Rushin. "We will continue to strive to provide outstanding police services and the best possible quality of life for our citizens."

More information on the accreditation process is available at the CALEA Web site, <http://www.calea.org>.



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