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Mr. Edward Hudak Interim Chief of Police Coral Gables Police Department 2801 Salzedo Street Coral Gables, FL 33134

## Dear Chief Hudak:

CALEA® Accreditation serves as the *International Gold Standard for Public Safety Agencies* and this correspondence serves to acknowledge the Coral Gables Police Department has been awarded CALEA® Law Enforcement Accreditation effective November 19, 2014 for the seventh time. This award may remain in effect for three years and the agency retains all privileges associated with this status during that period.

The process of CALEA Accreditation begins with a rigorous self-assessment, requiring a review of policies, practices and processes against internationally accepted public safety standards. This is followed with an assessment by independent assessors with significant public safety experience. Additionally, public feedback is received to promote community trust and engagement, and structured interviews are conducted with select agency personnel and others with knowledge to assess the agency's effectiveness and overall service delivery capacities. The decision to accredit is rendered by a governing body of twenty-one Commissioners following a public hearing and review of all reporting documentation.

Although the award symbolizes a significant professional accomplishment, it is also a demarcation for the agency to remain in compliance with CALEA standards. To this end, the agency must remit annual status reports to document its progression of continuous organizational improvement. The first two reports are to be submitted on the agency's award date of November 19, and the third report should be submitted three months prior to the next assessment period.

CALEA congratulates the Coral Gables Police Department for demonstrating a commitment to professional excellence through accreditation. The CALEA Accreditation indices are the *Marks of Professional Excellence* and should be displayed proudly by those that have earned them.

J. Grayson Robinson

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