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Fulton County Sheriff's Office Receives CALEA Accreditation

Atlanta, GA – The Fulton County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) has successfully earned another four-year accreditation cycle from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). This marks the fifth consecutive cycle in which FCSO has achieved CALEA accreditation and the second under Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat's leadership.

CALEA is the premier law enforcement accreditation body in the United States. The accreditation process involves an extensive self-assessment, as well as reviews by independent assessors and feedback from the FCSO team and the public. CALEA officially granted FCSO its latest accreditation during its annual spring conference, held from March 19-22 in Garden Grove, California.

"I am incredibly proud of our team for their unwavering dedication to upholding CALEA's gold standard," says Sheriff Labat. "As we work to further solidify our legitimacy within the community, we remain steadfast in our commitment to its safety. I would also like to give special recognition to our Accreditation Chief, Kourtney Jones, for her management of this ongoing process and her exceptional attention to detail."

CALEA accreditation requires a comprehensive review of all department policies, practices, and procedures against internationally recognized public safety standards. Independent assessors collect public feedback and conduct interviews with selected personnel. The final accreditation decision is made by a governing body of CALEA commissioners after a public hearing and careful documentation review.

For additional information about CALEA, visit www.calea.org.

ABOUT THE FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: The mission of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office is Service; through laser-focused efforts to protect the citizens of Fulton County with coordinated law enforcement operations, special strategic teams, and community outreach methods. The Sheriff's Office is constitutionally responsible for the security of all courtrooms, executing arrest warrants, and serving civil papers. In addition, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for the administration and operation of the Fulton County Jail.