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It is with great pride that the Gallatin Police Department announces that it has completed the process for professional accreditation through CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies). Commander Bill Sorrells and Sgt. Bill Storment traveled to Salt Lake City, UT to answer questions before CALEA commissioners related to the August on-site review and to present the department as a professional agency deserving accreditation recognition. Having satisfied all requirements, the Gallatin Police Department was awarded its initial accreditation at a banquet and ceremony in Salt Lake City on November 21, 2009. Currently, there are 32 agencies in Tennessee and 596 agencies throughout the United States accredited in the CALEA Law Enforcement program.

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA®) was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations. The purpose of CALEA's Accreditation Programs is to improve the delivery of public safety services, primarily by: maintaining a body of standards developed by public safety practitioners covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives; establishing and administering an accreditation process; and recognizing professional excellence. The CALEA Accreditation Process is a proven modern management model providing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), on a continuing basis, with a blueprint that promotes the efficient use of resources and improves service delivery. This accreditation program provides law enforcement agencies an opportunity to voluntarily demonstrate that they meet an established set of professional standards. Accreditation is for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting to continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

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