

# Press Release



## CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Sheriff Earl "Moose" Butler

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### *Sheriff's Office Wins Sixth Consecutive Accreditation Award*

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office received recognition for complying with or exceeding all accreditation standards set by the Commission on the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies. On Saturday, Sheriff Earl "Moose" Butler received the accreditation award from the Commission for the sixth time since becoming sheriff.

In presenting the accreditation award, Commission Chairman, Louis M. Dekmar, acknowledged that few other sheriffs' offices in the country have achieved such a period of continuous accreditation and remarked, that the members of the Commission "commend you and your agency for demonstrating a commitment to professional excellence in policy and practice."

Accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies or CALEA represents "the gold standard in public safety." The accreditation process is accomplished through a rigorous, highly regarded and broadly recognized body of professional standards. The adoption of progressive, demanding, and requisite policies and following those policies while providing the highest standard of law enforcement services, is required.

Commission Chairman Dekmar pointed out that the accreditation award represents the culmination of a lengthy self-review and analysis followed by a review and on-site review and inspection by independent assessors as well as CALEA's Commissioners. "CALEA accreditation," said Dekmar, "also represents acceptance of an ongoing obligation to continue the quest for professional excellence by working toward compliance with all applicable standards and any future promulgated by CALEA that may be applicable."

Sheriff Butler began the process of accreditation shortly after becoming sheriff in 1994. CALEA accreditation is for a three-year period, and the accredited agency, the Sheriff's Office, is required to maintain continuous compliance during that period. During the next 3 years, continuous self-assessment and self-critical analysis must be conducted, followed by a review from the independent assessors and CALEA's commissioners.

"We are proud of this sixth successive accreditation award," said Sheriff Butler. "This award is not merely an award for Earl Butler or for me as Sheriff, but for the entire Sheriff's Office. This award is for all of the people in the Sheriff's Office, who sacrifice and work hard and show their dedication every day – as they have every day for the past nineteen years — as they always have."

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