



## **TEMPLE TERRACE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **POLICE ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT**

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL 2/26/20) - The Temple Terrace Police Department is proud to announce that assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive at the department on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 to begin a three-day examination of all aspects of the department's policies, procedures, management, operations, and support services.

This examination will confirm that the Temple Terrace Police Department complies with 239 individual standards required in order to retain its status as an accredited agency in the State of Florida. Many of these standards are critical to life, health and safety issues.

The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from agencies throughout the state. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. As part of the three-day assessment on site, the general public, police department staff and other city employees are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. The comments must be in writing and must address the department's ability to comply with CFA standards. A copy of the CFA 5th Edition Standards Manual can be found at the following link: [www.flaccreditation.org/standards.htm](http://www.flaccreditation.org/standards.htm).

For more information regarding CFA, or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the Police Department's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please write: CFA, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, or email to [info@flaccreditation.org](mailto:info@flaccreditation.org).

Once the CFA assessors complete their review of the agency, they will report back to the full commission, which will then decide whether the agency is to retain its accredited status for the next three years. Verification by the team that the Temple Terrace Police Department meets the commission's standards is part of a voluntary process that must be undertaken every three years in order to maintain accreditation, a highly regarded statewide recognition of law enforcement professionalism and excellence.

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