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ON SITE ASSESSMENT NEXT STEP IN ACCREDITATION

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL – 1/26/11) – The Temple Terrace Police Department will take another step toward achieving statewide accreditation with a three-day *On Site Assessment* in March.

Three assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. will visit the department March 9-11, 2011, where they will conduct interviews, inspect records, study procedures and protocols, ride with police officers and complete other activities, said Cpl. Mike Hensel, accreditation manager for the Temple Terrace Police Department.

The department completed a mock assessment in January as part of the process to determine whether the department meets the qualifications and standards for statewide accreditation, Hensel said. The mock assessment was designed to uncover any areas that might need attention or improvement before the final assessment, he said.

Hensel said the assessors only suggested a few minor tweaks and changes to language in some policy documents.

“The mock assessment went really well,” he said. “The assessors said it was one of the best mock assessments they’ve ever been to.”

Accreditation establishes a framework for police departments to maximize efficiency, provide standards of excellence, streamline performance and reduce liability. It assures a community that its police department performs at the highest level of professionalism.

Once the final on-site assessment is completed in March, Hensel said, the Commission will meet in Orlando in June to vote on whether to issue the Temple Terrace Police Department a *Certificate of Accreditation*.

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