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POLICE ACHIEVE 'ACCREDITED AGENCY' STATUS

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL – 7/7/11) – The Temple Terrace Police Department reached a milestone this past week when it was awarded statewide *Accredited Agency* status.

Directors of the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. voted unanimously to approve the recognition and presented a *Certificate of Accreditation* during the commission's meeting in Bonita Springs on June 30.

Assessors gave the police department high marks after conducting an arduous vetting process earlier this year. They spent three days conducting interviews, inspecting records, studying procedures and protocols, riding with police officers and reviewing crime-scene operations. The assessors said the Temple Terrace Police Department "met or exceeded every applicable standard for accreditation."

Accreditation is an important achievement because it assures a community that its police department performs at the highest level of professionalism, said Temple Terrace Police Chief Kenneth Albano. It's an honor that isn't bestowed lightly.

"It's something you carry with you every day," he said. "Accreditation has been called the gold seal of law-enforcement excellence. I agree with that."

Albano said everyone who had a hand in the process deserves credit for helping the department achieve this goal. He lauded now-retired Cpl. Mike Hensel for his tenacity in spearheading the department's accreditation efforts.

Albano said Temple Terrace residents will continue to see the department's dedication toward policing and protecting the community, along perhaps with a "renewed sense of pride."

"I am extremely pleased with the outstanding work of the police department in achieving accreditation," noted City Manager Kim Leinbach. "Chief Albano and all members of the department are to be commended for their diligent efforts in obtaining this well-deserved recognition. A job well done."

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