



News Release

Airport Authority Police Department seeks public input during reaccreditation process

DETROIT (July 25, 2017) – The Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) will provide two opportunities for the public to submit comments regarding law enforcement at Detroit Metropolitan and Willow Run Airports as part of the police department’s Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) reaccreditation process.

Attaining CALEA accreditation—a process the Airport Police Department completed in 2008, 2011 and 2014—requires the department to be in compliance with more than 480 professional standards. CALEA accreditation signifies the Airport Police Department is among the top-performing law enforcement agencies in the world.

As part of the ongoing review process to maintain this prestigious accreditation, a team of CALEA assessors will examine every aspect of WCAA public safety operations. Assessors will observe WCAA public safety personnel, equipment and operating procedures; interview local public officials; and tour airport facilities.

From 1:00-3:00 p.m. on August 1, 2017, assessors will make themselves available to members of the public by phone. Callers will have the opportunity to speak with CALEA assessors regarding the accreditation process and the department’s ability to comply with CALEA’s Standards. Members of the public who wish to participate may do so during this two-hour period by calling (734) 955-5796. Information about the Standards is available at www.calea.org/content/law-enforcement-program-standards.

Beginning at 4:00 p.m. on August 1, the Airport Police will host a public information session in “The Meeting Place” conference room, located in the L.C. Smith Building at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. During the session, CALEA assessors will be available to address comments and questions regarding the Airport Police reaccreditation process.

For more information about CALEA, visit www.calea.org. To learn more about WCAA’s public information programs, contact Special Services Deputy Director Barclay F. Stewart at (734) 247-3648.

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) welcomed more than 34 million passengers in 2016 and is one of the world’s leading air transportation hubs. With service from 13 scheduled passenger airlines, Michigan’s largest airport offers more than 1,100 flights per day to and from more than 140 non-stop destinations on four continents. With two award-winning passenger terminals, six jet runways, and an onsite AAA Four-Diamond Westin Hotel, DTW is among the world’s most efficient, customer friendly and operationally capable airports in North America. DTW is operated by Wayne County Airport Authority, which also operates nearby Willow Run Airport – an important corporate, cargo and general aviation facility. The Airport Authority is entirely self-sustaining and does not receive tax dollars to support airport operations. Visit metroairport.com for more information.

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