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ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC TO COMMENT

A team of Assessors from the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) will arrive on March 7, 2020 to examine all aspects of the Southern University at New Orleans Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operation, and support services, Chief Bruce Adams announced today.

Verification by the team that Southern University at New Orleans Police Department meets IACLEA's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation – a highly prized recognition of campus public safety professional excellence, he said.

University members, agency employees and the public are invited to offer comments by calling (504) 284-5433 on March 9, 2020 between the hours of 1:00pm and 3:00pm. Comments will be taken by the Assessment Team.

Telephone comments must address the department's ability to comply with IACLEA's standards. The IACLEA Accreditation Standards Manual is available on the IACLEA website (www.iaclea.org).

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Southern University at New Orleans Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to IACLEA Accreditation, 1110 Bonifant Street, Suite 330, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

The Southern University at New Orleans Police Department has to comply with 215 standards, in order to achieve accredited status, Chief Adams said. Chief Adams also said achieving this accreditation is important and shows our commitment to improving delivery of public safety services and promoting pride and professionalism within our department.

The Accreditation Manager for Southern University at New Orleans Police Department is Lieutenant Albert Ernest. He said the Assessment Team is composed of experienced campus law enforcement professionals from out-of-state. The Assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and inspect facilities where compliance can be witnessed. The Assessors are: Lieutenant Tamara McCollough, M.S. for Indiana State University Police Department and Team Leader; Sonya M. Johnson Ph.D. (c), CLEP, CSPPP Police Planning, Research & Accreditation Manager for Albany Police Department. Once the Assessors complete their review of the department, they will report back to IACLEA, which will then decide if the department is to be granted accredited status, Lieutenant Ernest said.

Accreditation is for four (4) years, during which the department must submit annual reports attesting to continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.