

## **Lee Police Department Seeks Law Enforcement Recognition**

The Lee Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of a program to attain International Law Enforcement Recognition. An Assessor from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), will arrive on September 4, 2008 and remain until September 6, 2008. The Assessor will be Deputy Chief David D. Belmonte of the Lake Bluff Police Department in Lake Bluff, Illinois.

Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA) the voluntary program requires compliance with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas; policies and procedures, administration, personnel, operation and support.

Police Chief Chester W. Murch has appointed Sergeant Thomas C. Dronsfield Jr., as the department accreditation manager. Together, along with all members of the department, they have been working on procedure modifications and proofs of compliance to meet the 110 required standards.

A copy of the 110 required standards is available for viewing at the Town of Lee Public Safety Complex located at 20 George Bennett Road in Lee, N.H. or by contacting Sergeant Dronsfield at (603)659-5866. Anyone wishing to offer comments to the Commission about the departments ability to meet these standards can contact Maya Mitchell, Program Manager at 800-368-3757 extension 20, or by writing to the Commission at: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100 Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2215.

Once the CALEA Assessor completes his review of the agency, he will report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted recognition status.

Recognition is for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. please write the Commission at 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2215; or call (800)368-3757 or (703)352-4225 or email [calea@calea.org](mailto:calea@calea.org).