



(Pictured left to right: CALEA Executive Director Sylvester Daughtry, Jr. , Sergeant Mark Magnuson, Major Carter Greene, Chief Joseph H. Lumpkin, Sr. and CALEA Commission Chair Mr. Louis M. Dekmar)

On August 1, 2009, the Athens-Clarke County Police Department was awarded its seventh accreditation at a conference of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), Inc. in Hampton, VA. The department was first awarded accreditation in 1987 and was the 43rd in the nation to receive the distinction at that time. A team of assessors inspected the department over four days in April, checking on compliance with more than 460 standards. The program is a voluntary one for agencies to demonstrate their commitment to excellence in law enforcement.