



## **News Release – Achieving Greater Transparency on Policing Standards and Policies**

The Winnipeg Police Board (WPB) has established in policy that the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) be and remain accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc.(CALEA). CALEA is an international organization that has established policies and standards which reflect current best practices in public safety and policing. It monitors the WPS and conducts regular and rigorous evaluations of the WPS's compliance with these standards. CALEA's assessment includes data collection, on site assessment and public consultation. There is an in depth on site assessment report published every four years. In 2017, the WPS completed the re-accreditation process and achieved all Tier 1 requirements. These include standards on use of force, evidence control and vehicle pursuits as well as over 160 other policies and standards.

Both the WPB and WPS are committed to a high level of transparency and are pleased to provide the most recent accreditation assessment report. It can be found at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/police/abouttheservice/accreditation.stm> as well as through a link on the Winnipeg Police Board website. <http://winnipeg.ca/clerks/boards/WpgPoliceBoard/Policies.stm>

In addition, as a new measure, the WPB and WPS have collaborated and worked with CALEA to provide law enforcement standards publicly. For the first time, members of the public can obtain information on these standards by requesting them from the WPB. Some standards cannot be made public in order to protect the integrity of some investigative processes. "Sharing this information publicly is a significant achievement of the WPB and WPS, and we're grateful to CALEA for respecting the needs and values of our community regarding transparency", said David Asper, Chair of the WPB. Members of the public are welcome to make inquiries of the WPB for additional detail. Inquiries in regard to more detail on policing standards may be made directly to the Winnipeg Police Board [wpb@winnipeg.ca](mailto:wpb@winnipeg.ca)

WPB will continue to review accreditation standards and reporting to ensure that the needs, values and expectations of Winnipeg citizens are reflected in the work of our police service.

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