

LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION

DATE APPROVED	April 1, 2016
DATE(S) AMENDED	
DATE REVIEWED	
REPORTING REQUIREMENT	Annual
LEGISLATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Police Services Act, C.C.S.M. c. P94.5</i>
ASSOCIATED POLICIES	

CONTEXT:

The Winnipeg Police Service undertook the initiative to become a member of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Program established and administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies in 1989. The Service was awarded CALEA accreditation in 1992 after a 3-year self-assessment period in which it demonstrated compliance with policies, procedures and practices reflective of best practices at the international level. The Service has retained its accredited status from the organization ever since.

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies advises:

“The standards upon which the Law Enforcement Accreditation Program is based reflect the current thinking and experience of law enforcement practitioners and researchers. Major law enforcement associations, leading educational and training institutions, governmental agencies, as well as law enforcement executives internationally, acknowledge CALEA’s Standards for Law Enforcement Agencies© and its Accreditation Programs as benchmarks for professional law enforcement agencies.”

More information is available at: <http://winnipeg.ca/police/abouttheservice/accreditation.stm> and <http://www.calea.org/>.

Section 48 of *The Police Services Act, C.C.S.M. c. P94.5* provides in part that the Minister of Justice may make regulations respecting the operation of police services to ensure that they provide adequate and effective policing. The Manitoba Department of Justice is in the process of developing policing standards regulations under the authority of this provision.

The Board has considered the value of the CALEA standards and accreditation process, and has determined that it is a cost-effective means to promote excellence in law enforcement by the Winnipeg Police Service, particularly given the current absence of provincial policing standards.

POLICY:

1. The Chief of the Winnipeg Police Service must ensure that the Service:
 - (a) maintains compliance with all applicable standards of Tier 1 of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Program established and administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA);
 - (b) obtains reaccreditation in accordance with CALEA's three-year accreditation award cycle.

REVIEW REQUIREMENT:

2. The Board will review this Policy upon the enactment of policing standards regulations under section 48 of *The Police Services Act*.