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Airport Authority to Host Public Input Sessions as Part of Law Enforcement Re-Accreditation Process

DETROIT (Aug. 2, 2011) -- On August 15, Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) will provide two opportunities for the public to submit comments regarding law enforcement at Detroit Metropolitan and Willow Run Airports as part of the Authority's maintenance of its international law enforcement accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

Attaining CALEA accreditation, a process WCAA first completed in 2008, requires that airport law enforcement be in compliance with over three-hundred ninety professional standards. CALEA accreditation signifies that a law enforcement agency is among the top-performing such organizations in the world.

As part of the ongoing review process to maintain this prestigious accreditation, a team of CALEA assessors will examine every aspect of WCAA public safety operations. Assessors will observe WCAA public safety personnel, equipment and operating procedures; interview public safety officers; and tour airport facilities and other Authority properties.

From 1:00-3:00 p.m. on August 15, assessors will make themselves available to members of the public by phone. Callers will have the opportunity to speak with one of the CALEA assessors regarding the accreditation process and to provide input on WCAA law enforcement. Members of the public who wish to participate may do so during this two-hour period by calling (734) 247-7214.

Beginning at 4:00 p.m., WCAA will also host a Public Information Session at Detroit Metro Airport where CALEA assessors will also be available to address comments and questions from the public. This session will take place in "The Meeting Place" conference room on the ticket lobby level of the former Smith Terminal. Parking is available in Big Blue Deck (across from the North Terminal), which is connected to the former Smith Terminal via a pedestrian bridge on Level 3 of the parking deck.

For more information regarding the CALEA accreditation process, visit www.calea.org.

For more information regarding the WCAA's public information programs on August 15, contact WCAA Accreditation Coordinator, Barclay F. Stewart, at (734) 247-3648.

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