



**South Carolina Department of
Mental Health
DIVISION OF PUBLIC
SAFETY**



PUBLIC NOTICE

The South Carolina Department of Mental Health, Division of Public Safety is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of a program to achieve accreditation by verifying it meets professional standards.

Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA ®), the accreditation program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

As part of the assessment, agency employees and the public are invited to offer comments at a public information session Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 3:00p.m. The session will be conducted virtually through a Microsoft Teams session. If you wish to participate in the virtual session, please contact Jennifer Kats at PublicSafety@scdmh.org.

Agency employees and the public are also invited to offer comments by calling 1-800-774-2362 on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Comments will be taken by the Assessment Team.

Telephone comments as well as virtual appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Division of Public Safety, 7901 Farrow Road, Building 17, Columbia, South Carolina, 29203.

Persons wishing to submit written comments about the Division of Public Safety's ability to comply with standards for accreditation may send them to: The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155 or via email to: calea@calea.org.