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SUFFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT TOP COP HONORED

SUFFOLK, VA (November 7, 2014) Suffolk Police Officer Heather Linville was honored as the Suffolk Police Department's Top Cop at the recent Hampton Roads Crime Line's Dinner & Top Cop Awards held in Newport News on November 1, 2014.

In 2012, Officer Linville took on the task of managing the Suffolk Police Department's successful attempt to attain accreditation through the CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) process. This work required a review of the 160 standards the department was required to meet. Officer Linville quickly transitioned into her role and became an expert in the process. She conducted numerous training sessions with staff and worked many long days that went well beyond her 8 hour day.

Officer Linville was instrumental in the success of the department's mock assessment that occurred in the latter part of 2013 where the assessors had a difficult time finding areas to improve upon. All of her hard work came to fruition in December of 2013 when the department had the actual accreditation assessment from CALEA.

During the three day assessment, the department received exceptional ratings and received full national accreditation in March of 2014. This could not have occurred without Officer Linville's hard work and attention to detail.

In addition to her duties as the department's Accreditation Manager, Officer Linville also maintained her ancillary duty as a member of the department's Mobile Command Vehicle Response Team. As a member of this team, she is required to be available at a moment's notice and attend monthly training on the technology associated with this vehicle which is quite extensive.

The Greater Hampton Roads Crime Line's Top Cop Awards honor police officers and others who have demonstrated a commitment to a safer Hampton Roads community. Award recipients are leaders and role models for both their peers and their community. A total of 17 Top Cops were named from law enforcement agencies across the Hampton Roads area.

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