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## Charleston County Sheriff's Office achieves SCLEA re-accreditation

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**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.** – The Charleston County Sheriff's Office achieved re-accreditation from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation (SCLEA) agency in Columbia on Friday, September 5, 2025.

The Charleston County Sheriff's Office holds the distinction of being dual accredited by both SCLEA and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). In attendance at the re-accreditation meeting were Charleston County Sheriff Carl Ritchie and the CCSO Accreditation Manager Bill Martin. This achievement reflects the agency's commitment to maintaining the highest standards of professional excellence.

The SCLEA Accreditation Program is a voluntary initiative for professional improvement, fashioned in ways that best meet local needs while also expressing commitment to professional law enforcement practices. Standards for the program are developed from multiple sources, including South Carolina State Law, stakeholder expertise, and best business practices. All SCLEA standards are mandatory.

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