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Chief Gene Bowers Chief of Police Winnipeg Police Service Post Office Box 1680 Winnipeg, MB R3C 2Z7

## Chief Bowers:

CALEA® Accreditation serves as the *International Gold Standard for Public Safety Agencies*. This correspondence serves to recognize the Winnipeg Police Service has been awarded Law Enforcement Accreditation effective November 15, 2025, for the Tenth time. This award remains in effect for four years and the agency retains all privileges associated with this status during that period.

The process of CALEA Accreditation begins with a rigorous self-assessment, requiring a review of policies, practices, and processes against internationally accepted public safety standards. This is followed with an assessment by independent assessors with significant public safety experience. Additionally, public feedback is received to promote community trust and engagement. Structured interviews are conducted with select agency personnel and others with knowledge to assess the agency's effectiveness and overall service delivery capacities. The decision to accredit is rendered by a governing body of twenty-one Commissioners following a public hearing and review of all reporting documentation.

CALEA Accreditation is a continuous process and serves as the foundation for a successful, well managed, transparent, community-focused public safety agency. To this end, an agency must maintain its accredited status by remaining in compliance with CALEA standards at all times.

CALEA congratulates the Winnipeg Police Service for demonstrating a commitment to professional excellence through accreditation. CALEA Accreditation is the *Mark of Professional Excellence* and should be displayed proudly by those who have earned this honor.

Sincerely,

W. Craig Hartley, Jr. Executive Director