

# MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

## BCA ACCREDITATION

### Recommendation

The Governor requests \$186,000 in fiscal year 23 and \$170,000 ongoing to support the BCA in achieving and maintaining accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), while increasing transparency and accountability towards members of the community.

### BCA Accreditation Request

The CALEA Accreditation was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations and with the support of the Department of Justice:

- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)
- National Sheriff's Association (NSA)
- Police Executive Research Forum

The CALEA Accreditation programs provide public safety agencies with an opportunity to voluntarily meet an established set of standards, which requires:

1. Comprehensive and uniform written directives that clearly define authority, performance, and responsibilities
2. Reports and analyses to make fact-based and informed management decisions.
3. Preparedness to address natural or man-made critical incidents
4. Community relationship-building and trust through transparency
5. Independent review by subject matter experts
6. Continuous pursuit of excellence through annual review and other assessment measures

It is the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's goal to meet and exceed expectations for law enforcement agencies throughout the United States while increasing transparency and building community relationships. This proposal will aid in attaining these goals while also providing for additional accountability and auditing as well as a resource for advice and guidance.

