



BROWARD OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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Broward Office of the Inspector General Awarded Reaccreditation Status

Broward Inspector General John W. Scott announced today that on November 1, 2017, the Broward Office of the Inspector General (OIG) was awarded reaccreditation status by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA). Established in 1993 by Florida statute, the CFA reviews and accredits law enforcement agencies and OIGs that meet or exceed the principles and established standards for offices of inspectors general. To ensure consistent and continued compliance with these standards, the CFA reviews agencies every three years for reaccreditation. The CFA is nationally recognized for initiating the first state Inspectors General accreditation program in 2009. During our inaugural assessment the CFA assessment team appraised the OIG's performance as "flawless."

Achieving accredited status significantly enhances the quality of our investigations, as well as the credibility and professionalism of the agency. Obtaining and maintaining this status requires an ongoing commitment to adhering to comprehensive written directives that comply with more than 40 CFA standards for offices of Inspectors General. In August 2017, an assessment team from the CFA conducted an on-site assessment of all aspects of our policies and procedures, management, and operations.

On September 5, 2017, the CFA issued its final report of our reaccreditation assessment, which is attached to a memorandum that the OIG has submitted to its Selection-Oversight Committee. A copy of the memorandum and the report can be viewed at www.browardig.org. The report appraised the OIG's performance as "flawless and outstanding." In support of its findings, the assessment team stated that "The BOIG staff are the epitome of a professional and enthusiastic unit that recognizes the importance of accreditation, and how it plays an important role in their work. The BOIG's team is truly what has made it a successful organization." The assessment team highly recommended the Broward OIG be favorably reviewed for reaccreditation status by the CFA.

On November 1, 2017, the CFA Commission unanimously voted to grant the OIG reaccreditation status. The OIG will be reviewed every three years for reaccreditation status. We remain committed to maintaining compliance with the accreditation standards, so that we may better serve the residents of Broward County.

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