

Sheriff's Office Achieves Recertification

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The Hall County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce that it has earned state recertification through the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. This marks the fourth time the agency has achieved this honor, being first certified in 2003 and applying for recertification every three years thereafter.

State certification establishes the Hall County Sheriff's Office as one of the top law enforcement agencies in Georgia, with only 15 percent of eligible agencies achieving this goal.

The process requires compliance with a complete set of policies covering a wide range of standards, such as the agency's role, organization and management, personnel, legal issues, operations, support services, communications, and holding areas. Additionally, certification standards focus on officer safety and high liability issues. Certification standards are continuously under review and frequently modified to keep them up to date with current legal issues in law enforcement.

But perhaps one of the most important aspects of the certification process is that it gives the citizens of Hall County a "report card" of sorts, offering proof to the community that their agency is providing the best law enforcement services possible. In short, achieving state certification is confirmation that the Sheriff's Office's practices are consistent with progressive, professional standards, providing for greater operational and administrative effectiveness.

"State certification requires a great deal of effort and commitment to a complex task," said Frank Rotondo, Executive Director of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, "and it offers proof to your community that you are doing the right things and doing things right."