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## **Sheriff Butler Receives Award**

FAYETTEVILLE –Sheriff Earl "Moose" Butler recently received the Egon Bittner Award from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA) during the organization's March 22 meeting in Garden Grove, Calif.

Sheriff Butler is the first law enforcement officer from North Carolina to receive the Bittner award, which honors Chief Executive Officers who have commanded a CALEA-accredited agency for 15 or more continuous years and recognizes their significant contributions to the public safety profession and CALEA.

In November, the Sheriff's Office received its sixth consecutive three-year CALEA accreditation. Sheriff Butler began the accreditation process shortly after taking office in 1994.



The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA) is the world recognized credentialing authority established and maintained through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations. It is responsible for maintaining the highest standards for law enforcement agency operations throughout the United States through its accreditation process. The purpose of CALEA's Accreditation Programs is to improve the delivery of public safety services, primarily by: maintaining a body of standards, developed by public safety practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives; establishing and administering an accreditation process; and recognizing professional excellence.