

EXCELSIOR RECOGNITION



In May of 2010, the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA) empaneled an ad hoc *Client Recognition Development Committee* to develop and recommend a suitable recognition program for Florida criminal justice agencies which have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the Florida accreditation process. An important focus of this initiative was to develop a non-subjective recognition program that recognizes agencies with criteria based upon two key benchmarks.

Commitment to Accreditation - Candidate agencies shall have been awarded five successful reaccreditation cycles by the Commission; and

Excellence in Accreditation - A candidate agency's reaccreditation interval shall only be credited toward this new recognition status if conditions were not assessed by the Commission.

With these criteria in place, the committee recommended the name of this new exceptional level of achievement would be **Excelsior Recognition**. The word Excelsior is a Latin adjective meaning "higher" or "loftier," used in English as an interjection with a poetic meaning of "ever upward."

On July 1, 2010, the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation formally adopted the committee's recommendations, and the Excelsior Recognition program became the highest level of achievement in Florida accreditation a criminal justice agency can receive.

Today, the Excelsior Recognition program recognizes some of the finest criminal justice agencies in the State of Florida, and a demonstrated level of commitment to the Florida Accreditation process unparalleled in the criminal justice profession.

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." - Aristotle