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**The Florida Division of Emergency Management  
Office of Inspector General Seeks Reaccreditation**

The Florida Division of Emergency Management, Office of Inspector General will be undergoing an assessment by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation in an effort to retain its accredited status. The Office of the Inspector General was initially awarded accredited status by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation in 2017, and received its first reaccreditation in 2020.

A team of Assessors, comprised of Law Enforcement professionals, will arrive on April 18, 2023, to examine the Office of Inspector General's Investigations Function for compliance with written directives, management, operations, and practices.

The Office of Inspector General has to comply with over 40 mandatory investigative standards in order to receive reaccreditation status. A copy of the accreditation standards is available through the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation's website at [www.flaccreditation.org](http://www.flaccreditation.org). As part of the assessment, employees of the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team by writing to:

Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation  
P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302  
Email: [flaccreditation@fdle.state.fl.us](mailto:flaccreditation@fdle.state.fl.us)

After the assessment team completes their review of the Office of Inspector General's Investigations Function, they will report back to the full Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, which will then determine if the Office of the Inspector General will be granted reaccredited status. Participation in the accreditation process is voluntary and, if granted, will be for a three-year period. Attaining reaccreditation will demonstrate the Office of Inspector General continues to meet the highest professional standards for the conducting of investigations.