



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 25-088

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

DATE: July 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Fort Lauderdale Police Department Accreditation

The purpose of this memo is to inform you that the Fort Lauderdale Police Department has again earned Excelsior status accreditation from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.

In May 1996, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) was selected by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) as one of the pilot agencies in the State of Florida to undergo the accreditation process. On May 27, 1998, the CFA awarded FLPD's first Certificate of Accreditation. The Department has proudly maintained its accreditation status having been consecutively reaccredited by the CFA in 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2019 and 2022 without conditions. FLPD was awarded its first Excelsior from the CFA in 2013. Achieving Excelsior status signifies an agency has successfully maintained accreditation through five (5) consecutive reaccreditation cycles without any conditions or areas of non-compliance.

On Thursday, June 19, 2025, FLPD proudly received the prestigious Excelsior status for the fifth consecutive time, a testament to the City's unwavering commitment to excellence in policing and community engagement. This accolade demonstrates that the Department has consistently met and exceeded rigorous standards of best practices in law enforcement operations, including accountability, transparency, and community-oriented policing.

Achieving Excelsior status not only reflects the Department's dedication to enhancing public safety but also underscores its effectiveness in building trust with the community it serves. By continuously striving for improvement and embracing innovative strategies, FLPD sets a benchmark for law enforcement agencies nationwide, embodying a model of efficiency and integrity that prioritizes citizen needs while fostering an environment of collaboration and respect.

FLPD is one of 15 agencies in the State of Florida that has received Excelsior status with the CFA. Notably, FLPD is the only agency in Broward and Miami-Dade County to receive this award.

Please join me in congratulating FLPD on this achievement. For any additional information, please contact Chief William Schultz at (954) 828-5590.

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