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Pinellas County Division of Inspector General Receives 2nd Statewide Reaccreditation

Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Division of Inspector General (Pinellas County IG), received its 2nd Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) on February 24, 2016 to retain its state level reaccreditation. The Pinellas County IG became the first local government agency in the nation and first Florida Clerk of the Court and Comptroller's office to be awarded the status as an Accredited Office of Inspector General by the CFA on February 3, 2010 and achieved their first reaccreditation on February 21, 2013.

The examination is part of a voluntary process to gain reaccreditation, which is a highly prized recognition for Offices of Inspector General professional excellence. The assessment team is composed of investigators from other Florida Offices of Inspector General. The CFA reaccreditation process consists of assessing the IG agency on 44 standards. In order to earn reaccreditation by the CFA, the Pinellas County IG must comply with 42 of these standards, those which are applicable to areas of responsibility and jurisdiction. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed.



A team of CFA assessors arrived on Tuesday, December 2, 2015 to examine all aspects of the Pinellas County IG's Investigations Section, including policies, procedures, management, operations and support services. The assessors consisted of the CFA Team Leader, Mr. Robert Brongel, Captain, Retired, Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of Insurance Fraud, and Mr. Bill Harvey, Special Projects Manager, Florida Department of Revenue, Office of Inspector General.

The CFA Assessment Team completed their review of the agency and prepared a formal report to the full Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. acknowledging full compliance of all applicable standards. The CFA Commissioners voted unanimously to award the Pinellas County IG its 2nd reaccreditation during the Panel Review and full Commission meetings held on February 24, 2016. Reaccreditation occurs every three years.

To view the CFA report, visit the Clerk's website www.mypinellasclerk.org. After clicking on the Division of Inspector General link, click on the Key Documents page. For more information, please contact Hector Collazo Jr., Inspector General and Chief Audit Executive at (727) 464-8371 or send an email to hcollazo@pinellascounty.org

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