



## Polygraph Law Enforcement Accreditation (PLEA) Program BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Subject: Introduction by the President, PLEA Board of Directors

The PLEA program is a national polygraph accreditation body developed by senior polygraph examiners representing federal, state, and local law enforcement (LE) agencies. The PLEA is an independent accrediting body managed by the supervisors of polygraph units from primarily local and state polygraph programs. The standardized polygraph policies and procedures adopted by the PLEA program have been found to ensure a standard of service that is ethical, and professional and provides reliable results for the jurisdictions served.

It is the goal of the PLEA program to standardize polygraph practices to the extent possible within the law enforcement polygraph community. To achieve this goal the PLEA has dedicated itself to adopting a set of standards that both fully serve the polygraph missions of each department and are credible to the practitioner, our customer, and the research community. To accomplish this, standards have been adopted by the PLEA program that are based upon credible research, and the curriculum as taught at the National Center for Credibility Assessment (NCCA), that are similar to standards in use by the federal government, have been used in a variety of research projects, and are proven to be robust in resolving applicant screening and criminal issue examinations. These standards have been used over the last fourteen years by accredited polygraph units all over the United States, as well as by law enforcement agencies of the federal government with great success.

For the PLEA program to be successful, the PLEA Board of Directors believes the program must be available to all law enforcement agencies that wish to implement these standards, free of cost. We want to not only make the PLEA application process as simple as possible but also to provide an agency with assistance in implementing these standards while maintaining the credibility of the inspection process. To this end, we can provide documentation that will not only assist an agency in applying for accreditation but also explain many of the components that comprise the PLEA program that are available to the law enforcement community. These concepts focus on quality control, validated formats, and training, most of which are available free of charge. As you are aware most crime laboratories in the LE community are accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD/LAB). NCCA is one of the participants in this partnership of federal, state, and local LE agencies. PLEA inspection procedures are also based on the ASCLD/LAB and federal polygraph oversight models.

If I, or anyone associated with PLEA can assist you in the application and inspection process please don't hesitate to contact us. I can be reached at [william.petoskey@columbiasc.gov](mailto:william.petoskey@columbiasc.gov) or 803-545-3545.

Thank you,

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