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## OneCommunity Information Bulletin

Subject: **Verification of OneCommunity CALEA Compliance**

### ***What is Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA)?***

In October 1994, Congress acted to protect public safety and ensure national security by enacting the [Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act](#) of 1994 (**CALEA**), Pub. L. No. 103-414, 108 Stat. 4279. The law defines the statutory obligation of telecommunications carriers to assist law enforcement in executing electronic surveillance pursuant to court order or other lawful authorization. The objective of CALEA implementation is to preserve law enforcement's ability to conduct legally-authorized electronic surveillance while preserving public safety, the public's right to privacy, and the telecommunications industry's competitiveness.

CALEA compliance is a legal obligation imposed on all carriers covered by the statute. To assist carriers with designing a schedule for becoming CALEA-compliant, the FBI has developed a Flexible Deployment Assistance program for circuit mode compliance. Information about this program, as well as summary information about current CALEA compliance requirements, may be obtained online from the FBI/CIS at: <http://www.askcalea.net>. Another good source for information is through the FCC at <http://www.fcc.gov/calea/>.

### **Is OneCommunity Required to Comply with CALEA?**

Under FBI guidelines OneCommunity is considered an Internet Service Provider (ISP) and a Voice Over IP (VoIP) service provider. As such, OneCommunity must comply with CALEA requirements for executing electronic surveillance.

### **OneCommunity's Compliance With CALEA**

One Community has acted to comply with CALEA. It has dedicated access for CALEA and authorized vendors of approved law enforcement agency to the core of the One Community data network. OneCommunity has dedicated ports for approved law enforcement officials to access, if the need arises for OneCommunity or its subscribers to assist in providing information on subpoenaed OneCommunity Subscriber(s).

These actions do not necessarily relieve subscribers of obligations they may have to comply with CALEA with regard to their own networks. Many subscribers have multiple external Internet providers and may in fact be considered enterprise providers in their own right. Please consult with your legal department to determine whether your organization is required to be in compliance with CALEA.