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Sheriff's Office Awarded American Correctional Association Accreditation

Sheriff Elder is pleased to announce on Saturday, January 12, 2018, the Criminal Justice Center was awarded the American Correctional Association (ACA) Accreditation, at their conference in New Orleans, LA. The audit took place in October of 2018, and measures the Sheriff's Office Detention Bureau's ability to staff and maintain a detention facility that complies with ACA set standards and include:

- 60 mandatory standards and 324 non-mandatory standards
- Review of all policies, procedures, and practices
- Random interviews with employees assigned to various areas and inmates are conducted

We passed with 100% for mandatory standards and 98.7% for non-mandatory standards. Some of the comments from the auditors include:

- "Outstanding, dedicated, professional, and committed employees of the Sheriff's Office"
- "Employees tale pride of ownership in the facility"
- "Impressed with the relationship between the staff, medical and food services employees"
- "Jail adequately staffed, staff and inmates feel safe within the facility"
- "Jail operations, cleanliness and procedures made our facility one of the best they have seen in the country"
- "They go above and beyond in meeting the needs of the mentally ill inmate population to include Mental Health First Aid and Crisis Intervention Training"

Sheriff Elder said in a statement: "I could not be more proud of the dedicated men and women who make the Criminal Justice Center run day in and day out. This accreditation is a testament to their commitment to the inmate population in which they serve. The Sheriff's Office is accredited by the American Correctional Association, National Commission on Correctional Healthcare (NCCHC) and is Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) compliant."

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