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Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center Awarded International Accreditation

Lannette Linthicum, Chairperson of the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections (CAC), and Kathy Black-Dennis, Director of Standards, Accreditation, American Correctional Association recently announced the accreditation of the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center. The award was presented in conjunction with the American Correctional Association 2013 Winter Conference on January 26, 2013 in Houston, Texas.

In presenting the award, Lannette Linthicum, Chairperson of the CAC, and Daron Hall, President of the American Correctional Association (ACA), complimented the facility on their professional level of operation and their success in completing the accreditation process. The agency is one of over 1,500 correctional organizations currently involved in accreditation worldwide.

The accreditation program is a professional peer review process based on national and international standards that have evolved since the founding of the Association in 1870. The standards were developed by leaders from the field of corrections, law, architecture, health care, and other groups who are interested in sound correctional management.

ACA standards address services, programs, health care and security operations essential to effective correctional management. Through accreditation, an agency is able to maintain a balance between protecting the public and providing an environment that safeguards the life, health, and safety of staff and offenders. Standards set by ACA reflect practical up-to-date policies and procedures and function as a management tool for agencies and facilities throughout the world.

The three-year accreditation award granted to the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center does not signal the end of their involvement in the accreditation process. During the award period, staff will work to improve any deficiencies identified during the audit and maintain continuous compliance with the standards.