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Detention Center passes American Correctional Association audit

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – The Charleston County Sheriff's Office welcomed the American Correctional Association (ACA) to the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center from Monday, August 25, 2025, through Thursday, August 28, 2025, for their annual audit.

An ACA audit is a comprehensive evaluation of a correctional facility or agency's adherence to national, ACA-developed performance-based standards, covering aspects like administration, physical plant, operations, security, offender programs, and staff training. This audit is a critical step in the ACA's voluntary accreditation process, where facilities are assessed through inspections, policy reviews, and data collection to ensure they meet the "gold standard" for corrections and achieve accreditation.

Of the 363 ACA standards, 60 are mandatory. At the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center, one of those standards was found to not be applicable, leaving 59 mandatory standards. The Charleston County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center complied with all 59 remaining mandatory standards.

ACA auditors also reviewed the recommended findings with the leadership staff of the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center.

Following the on-site visit, a thorough report will be written and sent to the ACA Commission. The commission will then interview and question a representative from the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center before awarding the facility a final score and accreditation status.

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